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David Hutchinson, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 23, 1973
"Some Birds and People in the Alaskan
Tundra, Sea and Wilderness"
by
Hugh Kingery

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

DECEMBER 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- December 2, Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sophia Bogart, leader. (Clear and cold, 4 hrs)
John Ball, Jane Newcomb. (15 Sps.)
- 2, Saturday, Denver to Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs. Jack Reddall, leader. (Thin
overcast - 9 hrs.) Harold Holt, Jim Lane, Steve Larson. (57 Sps.)
- 3, Sunday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Light snow, 20°, windy -
6½ hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Patty Echelmeyer, Dave McCargo, Tina
Nielsen, Vim Wright. (17 Sps.)

DECEMBER	2	2	3		2	2	3
AREA	CCRA	PREW	PAWN		CCRA	PREW	PAWN
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS		PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
SPECIES							
Canada Goose		60		Horned Lark	7	800	5000
<u>Snow Goose</u>	2 Westminster-12/10 DH			Blue Jay	Few all month Denver	3	
Mallard	50	25,000	5	Steller's Jay	SEDenver-TM Wheatridge-PE	All Month	
Green-winged Teal		3		Black-billed Magpie	11	37	30
Wood Duck		1		Common Crow		2	
Redhead		3		Black-capped Chickadee	1	8	
Greater Scaup	1 Bow-Mar-12/28 SL			Mountain Chickadee		1	
Common Goldeneye	10	200		Red-breasted Nuthatch	Wheatridge	All Month	PE
Barrow's Goldeneye	1 Estes Park-12/14 SL			Winter Wren	1 Boulder-12/27 SL		
Bufflehead		1		<u>Carolina Wren</u>	1 Lakewood-12/11-14 JC		
Hooded Merganser	1 male City Park-12/20 SM			<u>Varied Thrush</u>	1 Lakewood-12/1-29 BN		
Common Merganser	10	500		Townsend's Solitaire		1	
Goshawk	1 S of Estes Park SL-12/14			Water Pipit		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			50 SE Denver-12/2 TM		
Red-tailed Hawk		8	1	Bohemian Waxwing	Several Wheatridge	All Month	PE
Rough-legged Hawk	3	13	8		100 Boulder-12/14 SL		
Ferruginous Hawk		1		Cedar Waxwing	7 Boulder-12/14 SL		
Golden Eagle	3 JacksonRes-12/31JR	3	6	Northern Shrike		2	
Bald Eagle	3 JacksonRes-12/31VR	11		Starling		470	18
Marsh Hawk	1	5	1	House Sparrow		140	5
Prairie Falcon		11	3	Western Meadowlark	2	55	4
Pigeon Hawk		2		Red-winged Blackbird		4850	
Sparrow Hawk	2	11		Rusty Blackbird		1	
Bobwhite		11		Evening Grosbeak	4 Platteville-ML-12/4		
Ring-necked Pheasant		16	4	House Finch		41	1
Common Snipe		2		Pine Siskin	20	3	
<u>Glaucous Gull</u>	1 CCRA-12/23-25 JR			American Goldfinch		3	
Herring Gull	10	35		Red Crossbill	7 SE Denver 12/22 TM		
Ring-billed Gull	35	130		Rufous-sided Towhee	1 Wheatridge	All Month	PE
<u>Franklin's Gull</u>	3 Lakewood-12/3 SL (NEW LATE			White-winged Junco	Few Wheatridge-PE-All	2 Month	
Rock Dove		43 RECORD)		Slate-colored Junco		3	
Great Horned Owl		1	1	Oregon Junco		65	6
<u>Yellow-shafted Flicker</u>		2		Tree Sparrow	7	62	6
Red-shafted Flicker	1	5	2	Harris Sparrow	1-12/20, 1-12/22 CCRA TM	9	
<u>Red-bellied Woodpecker</u>	1 Bonney Res.12/31 PJ			White-crowned Sparrow		5	
Hairy Woodpecker		1		Fox Sparrow	1 CCRA-12/20 TM		
Downy Woodpecker		1		Song Sparrow		15	
				Lapland Longspur			2
				TOTAL SPECIES	74	15	57 17

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DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT DECEMBER 16, 1972

All observers provided satisfactory details of unusual birds. The observations of highly mobile birds were correlated as to time, place and direction flying. Several observations by different parties were regarded as duplicate sightings of the same bird.

Weather conditions were quite favorable on the count day despite the extreme cold prior to the count and the deep snow cover. The lakes and ponds were frozen over as were most of the streams and the South Platte River. The weather conditions prior to the count resulted in a lower than normal count of waterfowl.

Eighty-three observers and 20 feeders observed 95 species and about 17,073 total birds which is the highest total birds for the Denver Christmas Count. Two new species were added. These were Northern Three-toed Woodpecker observed in Yegge Park by Goren Blomberg, Nancy Hurley, Marie Kolena and David McCargo; and Lapland Longspur observed in the Middle South Platte area by Robert Reed and David Hutchinson. Species observed five or fewer times during the 23 years of the count were Ferruginous Hawk, Bohemian Waxwing and Lincoln's Sparrow. The following species had the highest totals ever: Goshawk, Prairie Falcon, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Downy Woodpecker, Horned Lark, Blue Jay, Scrub Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Starling, House Sparrow, Evening Grosbeak, House Finch, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, White-winged Junco, Slate-colored Junco, Song Sparrow. The count from the feeders was almost double last years. Noticeable by lower than average numbers were: Canada Goose, Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Shoveler, Redhead, Western Meadowlark, Pine Siskin, Rufous-sided Towhee.

Additional species observed during the count period in the count circle were Greater Scaup. Sixty-nine species were observed in seven Precount scouting trips. Three species observed on the Precount December 9 were not seen on count day include: White-fronted Goose, Common Grackle and White-throated Sparrow.

PARTICIPANTS IN DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT, BY AREA. (Leaders underlined)

- Area 1 - Red Rocks: Paul Haggard (West Virginia), Robert Rolander and Donald Thatcher.
Area 2 - Lower Bear Creek: Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Joe and Marion Borden, Phyllis Caswell, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock.
Area 3 - Marston-Bowles Lake: Linda Hiner, Harold Holt, LaVona Holt, Mike Linshaw, Jack Reddall.
Area 4 - Lower South Platte: John Ball, Warren Finch, James Lane, Steve Larson.
Area 5 - Middle South Platte: Helen Bonnema, Lorraine Chappell, David and Jeffrey Hutchinson, Thompson Marsh, Robert Reed, Michael Schultz, Robert Spencer.
Area 6 - Upper South Platte: Blake Besser, Jerome Besser, Richard Burns, John DeGrazio, Deborah Eaton, Joe Guarino, Max Haegle, Ed Knittle, Cal Royall, Charles Stone, Jack Welch.
Area 7 - Lower Deer Creek: Phil Hayes, Lynn Willcockson.
Area 7A - Upper Deer Creek: Leslie Colin, John Colvin, Terry Drissell, Carl Mackie, Sue Merrick, Kathy Mitchell, Harvey and Phyllis Willoughby.
Area 8 - South Turkey Creek: Joanne Abbott, Elinor Kingery, Hugh Kingery, Richard Pillmore.
Area 8A - Yegge Park: Goren Blomberg, Nancy Hurley, Marie Kolena, David McCargo.
Area 9 - North Turkey Creek: Robert Buttery, Albert Koewing.
Area 10 - Upper Bear Creek: Sylvia Brockner, Winston Brockner, Douglas Stotz.
Area 11 - Willow Creek: Marjorie Bidwell, Christine Bonney, Mary Cornelius, Patty Echelmeyer.
Area 11A - Willow Springs: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Mildred Snyder, Josephine Trainor.
Area 11B - Ken Caryl Ranch: Sophia Bogart, Lois Webster, Al Wuth.
Feeders: Littleton; Jerome Grutja, Robert Hendrix. Deer Creek Canyon: Mrs. Glick Bishop, Lloyd Bishop, Aleon DeVore, Joyce Freeman, Lila Kint, Mrs. M. S. M'Gillicuddy, Helen Waters. Turkey Creek Canyon: Duncan Beaton, Mayme Christenson, Ethel Fairall, Vera and Donald Finley, Doris McLaughlin, Dee Magers, Mildred Meyer, Mrs. John Schoolcraft, Becky Simons, Mrs. Edward VanArsdale, Willow Creek: Charles Stone.

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AREA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	8	8A	9	10	11	11A	11B	F	T
	RR	LBC	MBL	LSP	MSP	USP	LDC	UDC	STC	YP	NTC	UBC	WC	WS	KCR		
Prairie Falcon				1	1	2											4
Sparrow Hawk			3	2	1	6	3					1	2				18
Ring-necked Pheasant	2				9	10		8					1		2		37
American Coot				46													46
Killdeer			9	2	7	16	1										35
Common Snipe			10	4	8		4								1		27
Herring Gull				61													61
Ring-billed Gull				750													750
Mourning Dove																1	1
Screech Owl					1												1
Great Horned Owl				1	1	2	3						1				8
Pygmy Owl											1						1
Long-eared Owl				1													1
Belted Kingfisher				1	3	6	1					1					12
Red-shafted Flicker	8	4	18	23	3	3	3		1	11		2	4	4	1	21	96
Hairy Woodpecker				2		1		4	4	2	5	5				30	53
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	1	3	15	11	2			1		2	2	2		23	64
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker										1							1
Horned Lark			16	41	686	1	25								55		824
Blue Jay			3	7												11	21
Steller's Jay	1					10	11		24	25	24	19		11		239	364
Scrub Jay	5		4			10	7				4	6	13	11	45	6	111
Black-billed Magpie	9	75	66	174	268	31	10	6	6	11	3	26	61	24	30	49	849
Common Raven					2				2	1		1		1			7
Common Crow	26	12			20	1		4	27			6	3		3	9	111
Clark's Nutcracker								6		2		4	1			27	40
Black-capped Chickadee	6	8	5	29	98	50	11	25	8	7		21	4	10	20	172	474
Mountain Chickadee	8	11	26	4	9	7	3	52	132	29	12	45	2	2		171	513
White-breasted Nuthatch			9	2		3	2	5	10	4	6	1				27	60
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	9					11	12	6	8	9				28	85
Pygmy Nuthatch								1	57	2	2	57				131	250
Brown Creeper	1	1	6	2	2	2	3	3	13	3	2	5				2	45
Dipper		1		1	5	6						3			3		19
Canon Wren	3					3									3		9
Rock Wren														1			1
Brown Thrasher														1			1
Robin	15	5	2	1		5		2				1		3	4		38
Townsend's Solitaire	16	2	1	1	5	12	3	2		1	9	24	2	7	6	1	92
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2						2	2	1	7		3					17
Water Pipit				2													2
Bohemian Waxwing	1500		112	80		19									17	80	1728
Northern Shrike			1	1	9	2				1							14
Starling		68	1193	491	126	13	10			1		48	145	67	64	112	2338
House Sparrow		46	135	476	50		7					43	115	13	55	20	960
Western Meadowlark		10		8	10		1						40		7		76
Red-winged Blackbird		1	96	307	88								45			18	555
Rusty Blackbird		1													2		3
Brewer's Blackbird				27													27
Evening Grosbeak			6	104		5		4	1	18		3		5		149	295
Cassin's Finch				2		3	9		1	1		15				27	58
House Finch		4	68	149	77	5	6					19	20	15		71	434
Pine Grosbeak									5								5
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	40				175	15	70						100			135	535
Black Rosy Finch													5				5
Pine Siskin	1			3	2							1				4	11
American Goldfinch				4	160	24	3	1									192
Red Crossbill												5				2	7
Rufous-sided Towhee			1		1	2								1		2	7
White-winged Junco	1		1	3	17	27	2	12	9	18	1	14		3	22	123	253
Slate-colored Junco		8	4	26	124	73	6	16		25		7	20	9	4	70	392
Oregon Junco	20	19	14	93	73	68	16			3	2	65	50	48	20	135	623
Gray-headed Junco	8		1	3	2	18	7	8	6	24	26	86	1	36		139	326
Tree Sparrow			6	68	338	50	7						4	1	1	1	476
Harris' Sparrow				13	5	1							2	4			25
White-crowned Sparrow				12	4												16
Fox Sparrow						5											5
Lincoln's Sparrow			1														1
Song Sparrow	1	19	10	36	118	58	2					15	5	4	3		271
Lapland Longspur					1												1
SPECIES	21	32	54	53	49	46	28	18	19	24	15	34	29	26	26	34	95
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1674		4022		2906	568	239	162	318	194	110	525	706	287	376	2052	17,073
	553		2461														

ADDITIONAL 1972 CHRISTMAS COUNTS

Boulder - December 16, 1972. Partly cloudy. 85 species and 18,680 total individuals. 43 observers in 16 parties. Paul Julian Compiler.

Evergreen - December 17, 1972. 43 species and 3450 total individuals. 32 observers in 11 parties. Douglas Stotz Compiler.

Nunn - December 28, 1972. Mostly overcast, 35-45°. 24 species and 242 total individuals. 21 observers in 7 parties. Clait Braun Compiler.

Pikes Peak - December 31, 1972. Clear, cloudy, snowy. 49 (1) species and 3219 total individuals 31 observers. Hugh Kingery and Libby Goodwin Compilers.

Rocky Mountain National Park - December 16, 1972. Clear to overcast, gusty winds, 29-36°. 42 species and 1181 total individuals. 18 observers in 6 parties. Warner Reeser and John Douglas Compilers.

Weldona - December 26, 1972. Fair, windy, 10-40°. 42 species and 2421 total individuals. 8 observers Don Thatcher Compiler.

	BLDR	EVER	NUNN	PIKE	RMNP	WELD
Horned Grebe	2					
Western Grebe	16					
Pied-billed Grebe	2					
Great Blue Heron	7					
Canada Goose	6600					
Snow Goose	2					
Mallard	4800	7	6		23	25
Gadwall	15					
Pintail	275					
Green-winged Teal	4				1	
American Widgeon	175					
Shoveler	12					12
Redhead	17					
Ring-necked Duck	8					
Canvasback	1					
Lesser Scaup	1					
Common Goldeneye	33				39	
Barrow's Goldeneye					1	
Bufflehead	1					
Common Merganser	350				20	1
Red-breasted Merganser	4					
Goshawk	1	1		3		
Cooper's Hawk				1		1
Red-tailed Hawk	12	5	1		1	
Rough-legged Hawk	17		30			4
Ferruginous Hawk	1		4			1
Golden Eagle	3		26		1	2
Bald Eagle	1a 11			1a		
Marsh Hawk	2		7			1
Prairie Falcon	1		7			2
Pigeon Hawk			1			1
Sparrow Hawk	17		1			
Blue Grouse	1	1				
White-tailed Ptarmigan					2	
Ring-necked Pheasant	15					2
Virginia Rail						1
American Coot	26					
Killdeer	2					
Common Snipe	8			4		
Herring Gull	96					
Ring-billed Gull	225					1
Great Horned Owl	5	1	15		1	2
<u>Saw Whet Owl</u>	1					
Belted Kingfisher	6	1				
Red-shafted Flicker	81	6	6	11	2	8
Hybrid Flicker	2					
Hairy Woodpecker	20	27	2	9	12	1
Downy Woodpecker	39	12	5	7	4	1
Horned Lark	545		2070			15
Gray Jay		6		18	5	
Blue Jay	5		2			13
Steller's Jay	356	323		254	86	
Scrub Jay	9	1		41		
Black-billed Magpie	332	71	27	155	54	38
Common Raven	16	133		35	75	
Common Crow	334	74		212		
Pinon Jay	30			1		
Clark's Nutcracker	69	100		51	48	1
Black-capped Chickadee	78	47		20	1	9
Mountain Chickadee	132	552	5	365	117	
White-breasted Nuthatch	22	56		20	21	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	12	56		100	2	
Pygmy Nuthatch	89	454		95	104	

	BLDR	EVER	NUNN	PIKE	RMNP	WELD
Brown Creeper	31	19		15	2	1
Dipper	22	13			<u>41</u>	
Canon Wren	<u>8</u>					
<u>Curve-billed Thrasher</u>						<u>1</u>
<u>Varied Thrush</u>				1		
Robin	24	1	2	13		14
Mountain Bluebird				1		
Townsend's Solitaire	24	32	1	19	9	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6	10		37		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1		
Bohemian Waxwing	50	25		30		
Cedar Waxwing						2
Waxwing, Sp.	94					
Northern Shrike	2		1	2	1	
<u>Loggerhead Shrike</u>		1				
Starling	1254	21	32	27	15	18
House Sparrow	322	167	101	15	40	150
Western Meadowlark	96		2			9
Red-winged Blackbird	55					1900
Brewer's Blackbird						1
Evening Grosbeak	228	98		33	20	
Cassin's Finch	15	31		120	4	
House Finch	261			55	1	2
Pine Grosbeak	6			27	3	
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	160	267		210	315	100
Black Rosy Finch		6		10	5	
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		50		30	25	
Rosy Finch, Sp.				500		
Common Redpoll	1					
Pine Siskin	8			16		8
American Goldfinch			1	10	5	7
Red Crossbill	27	62		81	7	
White-winged Junco	132	169		98	2	
Slate-colored Junco	330	24	1	22	22	1
Oregon Junco	437	38	5	75	42	24
Grey-headed Junco	158	66		151	4	
Junco, Sp.		22		200		
Tree Sparrow	25		65	3		56
Harris' Sparrow	5			2	1	9
White-crowned Sparrow	2				2	1
White-throated Sparrow	1					
Song Sparrow	10	2	2	3		14
Lapland Longspur			14			
SPECIES	85	43	24	49	42	42

DUES PAYABLE JANUARY 1ST

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EDITORIAL

It is the hope of your new editor that THE LARK BUNTING will continue to be the fine publication it has been in the past. Basically, the format will remain the same. I am sure that you will continue the fine support and cooperation that has made the monthly bulletin an asset to the reader and the club. Suggestions and constructive criticism are encouraged. Please continue to submit individual observations.

David W. Hutchinson

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster 80030. Phone 428-3922. All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current report.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 1973

- February 3 - Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A. M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 4 - Sunday. Bear Creek Park and surrounding area. Jean White, Leader. Meet at 1:00 P.M. at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. $\frac{1}{2}$ day Trip.
- 10 - Saturday. Boulder area. Paul Julian, Leader. Meet at 8:30 A.M. at Platt Junior High School Parking Lot, Baseline and Cherryvale, Boulder. *
- 11 - Sunday. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at 25 th and Sheridan.
- 17 - Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at 25 th and Sheridan. *
- 18 - Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. *
- 24 - Saturday. Pueblo. Dave Griffiths, Leader. Meet at 8:30 A.M. at the Ramada Inn in Pueblo. *
- 25 - Sunday. Barr Lake. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at 7:30 at the Museum of Natural History. *
- * BRING LUNCH

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7:30 P. M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

JANUARY 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- January 1, Monday, Bonney Reservoir Christmas Count. Paul Julian, leader. (Clear, 10 hrs.) Nancy Hurley, David Hutchinson, Reed Kelley, Leslie Julian, Hugh Kingery, David McCargo, Sue Merrick, Douglas Stotz. (59 sps.)
- 6, Saturday, Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Windy, cloudy, snowing intermittently, about 10°, 7½ hrs.) Dick and Tony Esposito and Florence Hentzler. (17 Sps.)
- 7, Sunday, Waterton, Kassler. Joe and Marion Borden, leaders. (Clear, -5 to 12°, 6 hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Albert Koewing, Sue Merrick. (27 Sps.)
- 13, Saturday, Franktown area, Castle Rock. Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius, leaders. (Sunny, 50 to 60°, 7½ hrs.) Bobby Ausfahl, John and Joyce Cooper, Virginia Faxon, Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (25 Sps.)
- 14, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Donald Thatcher, leader. (Fair, mild, windy, 3 hrs.) Virginia Faxon, Sue Merrick, Vito Tursi. (13 Sps.)
- 20, Saturday, Bow Mar. Thompson Marsh, leader. (Snowing, 30°, 3¼ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Ruth Wheeler. (28 Sps.)
- 28, Sunday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area, Franktown, Castle Rock, Sedalia, Louviers, Bow Mar. Harold Holt, leader. (Clear, 9 to 40°, 8 hrs.) John and Joyce Cooper, La Vona Holt, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Walter Lake (Sacramento, Calif.), Jack Reddall, Larry Smith. (57 Sps.)

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RARE BIRD ALERT ATTENTION! Want to be on (or off!) our Rare Bird Alert list? Call Mildred Snyder (366-7610) or Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947)

LIFERS WANTED LIST FOR COLORADO Do you have a "Lifers Wanted List for Colorado?" If so, send a copy to Mildred Snyder (161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011 or Patty Echelmeyer (2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214) And we'll try to contact you if your birds are around. Please keep us up to date on latest revisions, too.

PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored field trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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JANUARY	1	6	7	13	14	20	28	28
AREA	BBRA	PAWN	WAT	F-CR	RRP	BOW	CC-B	F-CR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT
SPECIES								
Pied-billed Grebe								
Double-crested Cormorant								
Great Blue Heron	5							
Mute Swan						4	6	
Canada Goose	3000					60	185	
White-fronted Goose								
Mallard	18,000		25			300	2000	
Gadwall						2	3	
Pintail	3					1	4	
Green-winged Teal	7							
American Widgeon	2		4			10	60	
Shoveler							4	
Wood Duck	10 Bow Mar 1/1 VR					2	8	
Redhead						20	12	
Ring-necked Duck						20	15	
Greater Scaup	1 Bow Mar 1/1 VR						3	
Lesser Scaup						6	10	
Common Goldeneye						15	45	
Hooded Merganser	4 Bow Mar 1/1 VR						6	
Common Merganser	2					6	28	
Goshawk	3							
Sharp-shinned Hawk								
Cooper's Hawk	1		1					
Red-tailed Hawk	6		2					
Harlan's Hawk								
Rough-legged Hawk	5	9	5					
Ferruginous Hawk	3	1						
Golden Eagle	1A 1I							
Bald Eagle	1A 3I							
Marsh Hawk	2	1						
Prairie Falcon	2	2	1					
Pigeon Hawk								
Sparrow Hawk	5	1	2	1				
Bobwhite								
Ring-necked Pheasant	8							
American Coot								
Common Snipe								
Glaucous Gull								
Herring Gull								
Ring-billed Gull								
Rock Dove								
Mourning Dove								
Great Horned Owl	8	1						
Long-eared Owl	2							
Short-eared Owl	1 CCRA 1/6 JR							
Saw-whet Owl	1							
Belted Kingfisher	7		1					
Red-shafted Flicker	1							
Hybrid Flicker	18							
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1							
Hairy Woodpecker	7							
Downy Woodpecker	28	1	1					
Horned Lark	190	1000						
Blue Jay	21							
Steller's Jay								
Scrub Jay								
Black-billed Magpie	70	20	40	23	4	21	20	
Common Raven			1	2				
Common Crow	12		20					
Clark's Nutcracker								
Black-capped Chickadee	86		16	2	1	1	3	
Mountain Chickadee				4		1		
Red-breasted Nuthatch								
Brown Creeper	1							
Carolina Wren								
Long-billed Marsh Wren	3							
Canon Wren	1 Red Rocks Park 1/13 JR							
Varied Thrush								
Robin	135	1	1	1	1	1		
Mountain Bluebird								
Townsend's Solitaire	8							
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6							

JANUARY	1	6	7	13	14	20	28	28
AREA	BSRA	PAWN	WAT	F-CR	RRP	BOW	CC-B	F-CR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT
SPECIES								
Bohemian Waxwing		16					120	
Northern Shrike	8		1	1	Bijou Res. 1/6 JR			
Starling	94	25	12	69		1	2009	
House Sparrow	119	25	35	12		56	40	
Western Meadowlark	146	50+ Platteville		3	all month ML		2	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1							
Red-winged Blackbird	325					66	40	
Brewer's Blackbird	1		1 female Sloan's Lake 1/2 VR					
<u>Common Grackle</u>								
Brown-headed Cowbird	10							
Evening Grosbeak		50-60 Littleton All Month JT		3 Golden 1/26 RS				
Cassin's Finch	1	1 Golden 1/26 RS		2 Littleton 1/30 JT				
House Finch	3			30		2	14	20
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	21	25		100				1010
Black Rosy Finch	4	1 Castle Rock 1/14 BS		3 Red Rocks 1/21 RS	15 Lakewood 1/1-31 RB			2
Brown-capped Rosy Finch								
Pine Siskin	169			30				
American Goldfinch	217						16	
Red Crossbill				4	8 SE Denver 1/31 TM			
<u>White-winged Crossbill</u>			1 E of Parker 1/21 BA					
Rufous-sided Towhee	1			1				
White-winged Junco	6		4					2
Slate-colored Junco	168		35	1	1	1		1
Oregon Junco	161		6	19	10	3		15
Gray-headed Junco					2			
Junco, Sp.					30			
Tree Sparrow	1450	16	35	5			39	
Harris' Sparrow	182	4 Platteville 1/31 ML		4			1	1
White-crowned Sparrow	17	2 Barr Lake 1/13 JR			Few Platteville all month ML			
Song Sparrow	54		20	2	2	1	6	6
Lapland Longspur	250	1		1 S of Wiggins 1/6 JR				
TOTAL SPECIES 102	59	17	27	25	13	28	42	21

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Many reports of Bohemian Waxwings and Gray-crowned Rosy Finches were submitted to the Editor during January. Bohemian Waxwing observations were: 30-40 Littleton all month JT; 300 along Cherry Creek 1/3 TM; 105 W. Denver 1/5 JB; 13 SE Denver 1/12 TM; 23 Lakewood 1/21 RB; 20 Wheatridge 1/28. Gray-crowned Rosy Finch observations were: 200 Castle Rock all month BS; 300 Lakewood all month RB; 9 Red Rocks Park 1/21 RS.

1972 DFO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ASSETS

Savings Account January 1, 1972	1409.72
Checking Account January 1, 1972	174.86
Receipts on Hand January 1, 1972	8.00
Interest on Savings Account 1972	64.52
Dues and Miscellaneous Receipts 1972	- 820.36
	<u>\$477.46</u>

LIABILITIES

Savings Account January 1, 1973	1474.24
Checking Account January 1, 1973	284.57
Receipts on Hand	0.00
Printing and Mailing Lark Bunting	625.99
Office Supplies and Miscellaneous Expense	<u>62.66</u>
	<u>\$477.46</u>

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1972 COLORADO NEST RECORDS

AREAS

BF - Black Forest
DEN - Denver and Suburbs
DIV - Divide

M - Mountains
PNG - Pawnee National Grassland
PV - Platte Valley

SP - South Park
WAT - Waterton
O - Other

SPECIES	BF	DEN	DIV	M	PNG	PV	SP	WAT	O	TOTAL
Double-crested Cormorant						1				1
Great Blue Heron						1		1	1	3
Canada Goose		2								2
Mallard		1	3						2	6
Green-winged Teal				1						1
Red-tailed Hawk				1	2			1		4
Swainson's Hawk					3					3
Golden Eagle									2	2
Prairie Falcon					1					1
Sparrow Hawk		1							1	2
Blue Grouse			2	1						3
Gambel's Quail									1	1
Spotted Sandpiper						1				1
American Avocet					1					1
Mourning Dove		2		1	6	2			1	12
Barn Owl									1	1
Great Horned Owl					2	4		2	1	9
Long-eared Owl									1	1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2		1						1	4
Belted Kingfisher								1		1
Yellow-shafted Flicker									1	1
Red-shafted Flicker	1		8	4				5		18
Red-headed Woodpecker									1	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			8	4			5			17
Williamson's Sapsucker			6	1						7
Hairy Woodpecker			1							1
Downy Woodpecker								2		2
Eastern Kingbird	1				1			1		3
Western Kingbird	3	16				2				21
Say's Phoebe					1					1
Empidonax, Sp.			2							2
Traill's Flycatcher			1							1
Western Flycatcher				2						2
Western Wood Pewee	3		2	4				3		12
Horned Lark									1	1
Violet-green Swallow			2							2
Tree Swallow			4	6			21			31
Rough-winged Swallow								1		1
Barn Swallow	1			2	9	3				15
Steller's Jay			1	1	2					2
Scrub Jay	1									1
Black-billed Magpie		27			2	2		3		34
Common Crow									1	1
Black-capped Chickadee				1						1
Mountain Chickadee			7	4						11
Plain Titmouse									1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		1	1						3
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2						2
Pygmy Nuthatch			2							2
Dipper				2						2
House Wren	8	4	15	4			4	10		45
Bewick's Wren									2	2
Rock Wren								1		1
Mockingbird					1					1
Curve-billed Thrasher									1	1
Robin	10	12	13	6		1	6	17		65
Hermit Thrush			2							2
Western Bluebird	18									18
Mountain Bluebird	6		4	2			2			14
Townsend's Solitaire			2	2						4
Water Pipit				1						1
Loggerhead Shrike	1				1				2	4
Starling		8		1		1	1	15		26
Solitary Vireo			1							1
Red-eyed Vireo				1				1		2
Warbling Vireo			3	1				1		5
Yellow Warbler	1							2		3
Audubon's Warbler				1						1
Yellowthroat						1				1
Wilson's Warbler							1			1
House Sparrow	6	8			1				1	16
Western Meadowlark					3					3

SPECIES	BF	DEN	DIV	M	PNG	PV	SP	WAT	O	TOTAL
Red-winged Blackbird			1				1			2
Brewer's Blackbird	6	2		2			3		1	14
Orchard Oriole	1									1
Bullock's Oriole		3			1	1		2		7
Common Grackle	1	1						1		3
Black-headed Grosbeak	2									2
Indigo -Lazuli Hybrid	1									1
Lazuli Bunting	1									1
Evening Grosbeak				1						1
House Finch	10	3		1						14
Pine Grosbeak				1						1
American Goldfinch								1		1
Lesser Goldfinch	1									1
Red Crossbill				1						1
Green-tailed Towhee				1			1			2
Rufous-sided Towhee	1									1
Savannah Sparrow							1			1
Oregon Junco				2						2
Gray-headed Junco			4							4
Chipping Sparrow	1		1				1			3
Lincoln's Sparrow			6							6
McCown's Longspur					3					3
TOTALS-BY AREA	93	90	104	66	40	20	47	74	20	556

TOTAL SPECIES 95

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1972 OUT OF STATE NESTS

Alaska 2	Idaho 3	New Jersey 1
1 Cliff Swallow DMM	1 Tree Swallow RFB	1 Robin MEB
1 Varied Thrush DAW	1 Dipper RFB	
	1 Robin RFB	New Mexico 2
Arizona 7		1 Say's Phoebe MEB
1 Elf Owl RCA	Missouri 2	1 Hammond's Flycatcher PRE
1 Acorn Woodpecker RCA	1 Pileated Woodpecker MJT	
2 Cactus Wren RCA,MEB	1 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher MJT	Wyoming 1
1 Bridled Titmouse MEB		1 Audubon's Warbler DFS
1 Hooded Oriole MEB	Nebraska 9	
1 Black-throated Sparrow MEB	1 Killdeer HJS	Nova Scotia
	1 Mourning Dove RCA	1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird DFS
Florida 4	1 Downy Woodpecker RCA	1 Parula Warbler DFS
1 Red-bellied Woodpecker RFB	3 Say's Phoebe RCA	
1 Blue Jay RFB	1 Barn Swallow PRE	33 Nests
1 Mockingbird RFB	1 Warbling Vireo RCA	28 Species
1 Cardinal RFB		

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ATTENTION!

It is again time to think about the Cornell Nest Card Program. Great Horned Owls start laying their eggs the end of February. The Laboratory of Ornithology was very appreciative of our 1972 reports and I Hope that we will all work to make 1973 even better. If you have any questions or doubts please feel free to phone or write me. Nancy Hurley, 1875 South Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone 757-0837.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - MARCH 1973

- March 3 - Saturday. Deer Creek Area. Merle Barbour and Helen Bonnema, Leaders. Meet at 7:30 at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. *
- 4 - Sunday. Boulder. Libby Goodwin, Leader. (449 - 6227) Meet at 8:00 A. M. at Platt Jr. High, Baseline and Cherryvale. *
- 10 - Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A. M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 11 - Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Meet at 7:30 P. M. at 25th and Sheridan.
- 17 - Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 8:00 P. M. at 25th and Sheridan. *
- 18 - Sunday. Muir Springs, Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Meet at Museum of National History at 7:30 A. M. *
- 24 - Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sue Merrick, Leader. Meet at 7:30 A. M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center. *
- 25 - Sunday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A. M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 31 - Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Ward Chadwick, Leader. Meet at 8:00 A. M. at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. *
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 27, 1973
"Wild Basin - Rocky Mountain National Park"
a color-sound motion picture
by
Howard Wignall

7:30 P. M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

FEBRUARY 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- February 3, Saturday, Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Much drifted snow and mud, warm, sunny, little wind, 7 hrs.) Sally Konnack, Jim Lane, Mary Jane Schock, Larry Smith. (21 Sps.)
- 4, Sunday, Bear Creek Park. Jean White, leader. (Clear, 50°, slight breeze, 2 hrs.) Merle Barbour, Bill and Jeanne Cassell, Vi Hubka, Jane Newcomb, Parnell and Terry White. (9 Sps.)
- 10, Saturday, Boulder. Paul Julian, leader. Sophia Bogart, Patty Echelmeyer, John Flavin, Libby Goodwin, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Ruth and Warner Reeser, Bob Spencer, Nancy and Doug Stotz, Susan and John Ward. (46 Sps.)
- 11, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair, 4 hrs.) Warren Finch, Arnold Silverman, Vito Tursi. (20 Sps.)
- 17, Saturday, Lower Bear Creek and Morrison. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Sunny, very little wind some snow on ground. 7 hrs.) Helen Angel, Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Mary Cornelius, Juanita Craig, Vi Hubka, Carolyn Modeen, Ruth Wheeler. (24 Sps.)
- 18, Sunday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sophia Bogart, leader. (Clear, high 40s, 5 hrs) Merle Barbour, Margaret Sikes, Helen Stills. (17 Sps.)
- 24, Saturday, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Olney Springs and Arkansas River bottoms near Pueblo. Dave Griffiths, leader. (Clear, 40-50°, 8 hrs.) Dr. John Ball, Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Henry and Vi Bossman, Donna Breganzer, Laurie Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Harold and LaVona Holt, Vi Hubka, Inez Jay, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Jack Reddall, Doug Stotz, Van Truan, Lois Webster. (60 Sps.)
- 25, Sunday, Arsenal, Vaile Reservoir, Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club. Harold Holt, leader. (Partly cloudy, 33-56°, wind NE 8-12, 8½ hrs.) John Flavin, LaVona Holt, Jim Lane, Jack Reddall, Mary Robinson, Ralph Sargent. (47 Sps.)

NOTICE OF DUES CUTOFF DATE

Dues not paid by April 1 will have mailing plates pulled from the membership. Also, there will be a new and up-to-date membership roster compiled effective April 1, 1973.

Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. For other types of membership, please contact the Treasurer, George Shier, Rt. 1, Box 821, Golden, Colorado 80401. Telephone 279-1990.

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone 428-3922. All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin.

RARE BIRD ALERT ATTENTION! Want to be on (or off!) our Rare Bird Alert list? Call Mildred Snyder (366-7610) or Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947).

PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored field trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

FEBRUARY	3	4	10	11	17	17	18	24	25
AREA	PAWN	BCP	BLDR	RRP	LBC	MORR	CCRA	PUEB	BARR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS
SPECIES									
Horned Grebe			2						
Western Grebe	2 Boulder	2/4 SL	4						
Great Blue Heron					1			7	
Mute Swan				4 Upper Tule Lake	2/24 DH				
Canada Goose			4000				25	4000	312
Snow Goose								3000	
<u>Blue Goose</u>								20	
Mallard	200	4	5000		40		3	2000	950
Gadwall				12 Upper Tule Lake	2/24 DH			2	62
Pintail			6		1		3	2500	600
Green-winged Teal					18			16	44
American Widgeon				25 Upper Tule Lake	2/24 DH			260	115
Shoveler								2	220
Redhead				3 Upper Tule Lake	2/24 DH				20
Ring-necked Duck				5 Upper Tule Lake	2/24 DH				2
Lesser Scaup									2
Common Goldeneye			1				15	20	24
Bufflehead				1 SW Denver	2/20 DH				
Common Merganser			45				40	2000	400
Red-breasted Merganser			4	2 Boulder	2/13 SL			1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1 Morrison	2/20 JC			1 Washington Park	2/25 CH		
Red-tailed Hawk		3		2				1	7
Harlan's Hawk	1		1 Boulder	2/15 SL					1
Rough-legged Hawk	9						1	2	12
Ferruginous Hawk	1			2 Eastern Adams Count	2/17 CH, FH, KH			1	
Golden Eagle	3		1	2	1 Morrison	2/20 JC		2	1
Bald Eagle	2a 21 Goodrich	2/17 CH, FH, KH						3a-21	1a
Marsh Hawk	3						1	1	4
Prairie Falcon	6								3
Pigeon Hawk	2			1 Westminster	2/18 DH				
Sparrow Hawk	1	1	1				1	12	3
White-tailed Ptarmigan		5 Guanella Pass	2/3 JC		20 Guanella Pass	2/17 HH			
Scaled Quail								138	
Ring-necked Pheasant								3	5
American Coot			15					10	
Common Snipe		1			4			1	
<u>Glaucous Gull</u>		1 CCRA	2/1 JC						
Herring Gull			6				40		76
Ring-billed Gull			25				5	200	13
Rock Dove		4		100					2
Mourning Dove	1 Boulder	2/15 SL		8 Field Park Wheatridge	All Month PR				
Great Horned Owl	1		1					4	1 on nest
Pygmy Owl				1 Genessee Mountain	2/17 JC				
Short-eared Owl	1 Boulder	2/3 SL							
Belted Kingfisher			1						
Red-shafted Flicker		2	4	2	1			8	5
Lewis' Woodpecker			1 Loveland	2/17 HH				4	
Hairy Woodpecker								1	
Downy Woodpecker	1		5		3	1		2	5
Ladder-backed Woodpecker								4	
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker			1 female Bailey	2/18 NH					
Horned Lark	100						30	50	55
Blue Jay	1 Boulder	2/15 SL		Few all month SW Denver	DH Lakewood JC				
Steller's Jay			25	1		4	1 SE Denver	2/6,9 TM	
Scrub Jay				2		3		2	
Black-billed Magpie	35	9		3	30		8	27	56
Common Raven			1	3	3 Kiowa Creek	2/17 CH, FH, KH			
White-necked Raven								3	
Common Crow			1					2	1
Clark's Nutcracker			12						
Black-capped Chickadee			15	6	8	10		2	12
Mountain Chickadee	1 SE Denver	2/2,3 TM	5			2		6	3
Common Bushtit				25 Waterton	2/12 BA, MB				
White-breasted Nuthatch								1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 SE Denver	2/2 TM	1		1				
Brown Creeper			1			1		4	1
Dipper				1		1			
Bewick's Wren								1	
Canon Wren				1					
<u>Curve-billed Thrasher</u>								2	
Robin	4		2	1	1-3 SE Denver	All Month TM		4	3
Mountain Bluebird				2 Loveland	2/18 HH				
Townsend's Solitaire			2	3		1	1 SE Denver	2/11,13,26,28 TM	

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FEBRUARY	3	4	10	11	17	17	18	24	25	
AREA	PAWN	BCP	BLDR	RRP	LBC	MORR	CCRA	PUEB	BARR	
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	
SPECIES										
Bohemian Waxwing	50-100 Boulder	All mo.	SL	18	27 Lakewood	2/11-15 JC	18 Lakewood	HH		
Northern Shrike	2							3		
Loggerhead Shrike								1		
Starling	42	10	30	2	23	3	20	155	53	
<u>Northern Waterthrush</u>				1 Waterton	2/11 RB					
House Sparrow	20		12	1	37	200	2	150	70	
Western Meadowlark	40		2		3			104	225	
Red-winged Blackbird			12		10			1115	1000	
<u>Common Grackle</u>		1 Boulder	2/5 SL		1 Louviers	2/18 JC				
Evening Grosbeak				20-75 Boulder	All Month SL					
Cassin's Finch				2 Deer Creek Park	2/4 HH					
House Finch		1	4	1	6		60	67	7	
Pine Grosbeak				20 Pine	2/4 HH					
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	58			2						
Rosy Finch, Sp.						175				
Pine Siskin									16	
American Goldfinch			8					17	40	
Red Crossbill	5 Crown Hill Cemetery	2/6 JC	3 Wheatridge	PE	2/26	24 Wheatridge	2/27 EW			
Rufous-sided Towhee	1 Lakewood	All Month JC								
Brown Towhee								14		
White-winged Junco			3	1				4	2	
Slate-colored Junco			5			1		1	3	
Oregon Junco			40	6		20		18	27	
Gray-headed Junco			4	2		1				
Tree Sparrow	15		50	3			70	7	53	
Harris' Sparrow			6		7	1		1	1	
White-crowned Sparrow								115	12	
<u>White-throated Sparrow</u>								1		
Song Sparrow	2	2	2				2	7	47	
TOTAL SPECIES	102	21	9	46	20	17	14	18	60	47

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WINTER SIGHTING OF A NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH IN COLORADO

This sighting was reported by Robert F. Buttery. On February 11, 1973, while birding along the South Platte River about 100 yards below the Waterton Bridge in Jefferson County, I saw a Northern Waterthrush feeding at the water's edge. I watched the bird for about 10 minutes in good light through 8 x 40 Bushnell binoculars at a distance of about 75 feet. I am familiar with this bird from previous sightings. The bird was sparrow-sized, walked instead of hopping, teetered like a sandpiper and pumped its tail up and down. When not pumping, the tail was held slightly above the horizontal. The breast and undersides were heavily striped and it had a buff-colored superciliary stripe. It uttered several widely-spaced sharp, single "Chips". The Northern Waterthrush is rare or unusual in the Denver area and is usually seen only during migration in late April and May and again in late August and September. In February, the species is normally found in Central America. On January 25, 1973, I saw what I suspected to be a Northern Waterthrush at the same location. To the best of my knowledge this is the first Winter sighting of a Northern Waterthrush in Colorado. Robert F. Buttery

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sponsored by the Denver Audubon Society
Tuesday, April 10, 1973
7:30 PM
Phipps Auditorium
Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park
FREE
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BENEFICIAL STATE LEGISLATION

Two Senate bills affecting non-game species appear to worthy of our support. Both of these bills are still in committee. They are Senate Bill 141: Conservation Stamp and Senate Bill 142 Non-Game and Endangered Species Conservation Act. These bills are sponsored by Senator George Jackson and are before the Senate Game, Fish and Parks Committee. Briefly, Senate Bill 141 Conservation Stamp would establish a \$5. Conservation Stamp for the state of Colorado. The revenue from this stamp would go into a special non-game fund. These monies would be used exclusively for studies of various types, eg. population, habitat, status, etc. of non-game species. It would provide opportunity for the non-hunter and hunter alike on a voluntary basis to help provide funds for valuable needed research and study. This fund would be separate from the Cash Game Fund.

Senate Bill 142: Non-Game and Endangered Species Conservation Act. Basically, this bill has three main points. First, it would establish a special non-game fund that could utilize the funds collected from a conservation stamp. It would allow for direct appropriations to be made for non-game research and would further allow other sources of revenue be devised which also could be used for the non-game species. Secondly, it would improve legislation relating to non-game species. Further, it would define non-game and endangered species for the state of Colorado. These classifications would be established by the Division of Wildlife. Thirdly, it would tie the Division of Wildlife more closely to the Federal Endangered Species Act. It could also allow for additional regulations as they are needed. This bill would appear to be a flexible approach to non-game and endangered species. It would allow the Division of Wildlife through research to establish classifications which could be changed as the need arises from additional studies and would allow them control rather than a static legislated list of species.

The Chairman of the Senate Game, Fish and Parks Committee is Senator Fay De Berard. Other Committee members include: Senator Robert Allshouse, Senator George Brown, Senator George Jackson, Senator Johnson, Senator Harold McCormick, Senator Sam Taylor and Senator Christian Wunch.

We would encourage your support for these two Senate bills. Please take the time to be informed about important issues such as these. Find out as much as you can about them. Write to committee members expressing your feelings on these two matters. Urge them to take action and report the two bills out of committee in order that the senate may take action on them. Also write to other Senators and Representatives expressing your support and urging their adoption.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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DELIVERY OF BULLETIN

I have had several reports from members of late delivery of their bulletins and several other reports of members not receiving their bulletins at all. If this happens, please send a post card or phone your editor so that we can document these events over the coming year. Send post cards to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030 or phone 428-3922. Thank you for your cooperation.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - APRIL 1973

- April 1 - Sunday. Muir Springs and Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Voyager Inn (North-east side of parking lot) I-70 and Chambers Rd. *
- 7 - Saturday. Chatfield Dam heron rookery and South Platte River. Hugh Kingery, Leader. Breeding Bird Census. Learn how to put some scientific value into your birding hobby. Meet at 6:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center. East Hampden and South Logan. *
- 8 - Sunday. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan.
- 14 - Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Museum of Natural History. *
- 15 - Sunday. Pueblo. Dave Griffiths, Leader. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Ramada Inn in Pueblo. *
- 13-15 - Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Greater Prairie Chicken Census in Yuma County. If interested write to Bob Tully, Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216. Be sure to enclose address and phone number.
- 21 - Saturday. Lower Bear Creek area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M.
- 22 - Sunday. Easter. No scheduled field trip.
- 28 - Saturday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 29 - Sunday. Waterton. Hugh Kingery, Leader. Early Warbler HIKE! Meet at 6:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center. *
- * BRING LUNCH

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 24, 1973

"White-tailed Ptarmigan"

by

Richard Hoffman,

Master's Candidate in the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology,
Colorado State University

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

MARCH 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- March 3, Saturday, Deer Creek and Morrison Park. Merle Barbour, leader. (Cloudy with snow, 30°, 6½ hrs.) Bob Spencer. (23 Sps.)
- 4, Sunday, Boulder, north east of town. Libby Goodwin, leader. (Sunny, 20-45°, 5¼ hrs.) Joyce and John Cooper, John Flavin. (38 Sps.)
- 10, Saturday, Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Fair, windy, moderate temperatures, 7½ hrs.) Jerry and Mickey Bidwell, Dave McCargo, Mary Robinson, Pat Thorsberg. (23 Sps.)
- 11, Sunday, Red Rocks Park and Morrison. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair, warm, 3 hrs.) Virginia Faxon, Karen Felmlee, Berneice and Paul Merry and Vito Tursi. (17 Sps.)
- 17, Saturday, Lower Bear Creek and Willow Springs Ranch. Sadie Morrison, leader. (39-49°, very slight breeze, 7½ hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Ward Chadwick, Laurie Chappell, Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. (36 Sps.)
- 18, Sunday, Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir. Sophia Bogart, leader. (Overcast, 50s, light wind, 8 hrs.) Christine Bonney, Bob Glover, Steve Larson, Hope Layton, Mary Robinson and Helen Stiles. (50 Sps.)
- 24, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. John and Joyce Cooper, leaders. (30-35°, cloudy, strong north wind, 5 hrs.) Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Michael Burnam, Juanita Craig, Darlene Frederick, Madeline and Tony Livaudais, Jane Newcomb, Bob Reed, Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. (37 Sps.)
- 25, Trip cancelled, bad weather.
- 31, Saturday, Ken Caryl Ranch. Ward and Margo Chadwick, leaders. (Fair and warm, 4½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Mickey Bidwell, Helen Bonnema, Christine Bonney, Mrs. Honeywood P. Carter, John and Joyce Cooper, Chuck and Emily Durham, Libby Goodwin, Bill and Jewell Henrichs, David and Jeffrey Hutchinson, Thompson Marsh, Mariel Myres, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Helen Stiles, Don and Eva Turnquist and Dick Weppner. (30 Sps.)

MEMBERSHIP: Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. For other types of membership, please contact the Treasurer, George Shier, Rt. 1, Box 821, Golden, Colorado 80401. Telephone: 279-1990.

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. Please note, if a field trip is cancelled for any reason please notify your editor.

RARE BIRD ALERT. ATTENTION! Want to be on (or off) our Rare Bird Alert list? Call Mildred Snyder (366-7610) or Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947)

We are saddened by the death of Mrs. Marjorie Lett April 14, 1973. We express our sympathy and concern for her husband, Mr. John Lett.

MARCH	3	4	10	11	17	17	18	18	18	24	31
AREA	DC-M	BLDR	PAWN	RRP	LBC	WCR	PREW	MSPR	JACK	CCRA	KCR
HABITAT	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT
SPECIES											
Horned Grebe NEW EARLY RECORD(3				1 Boulder 3/7 SL			3			11	
Eared Grebe							(10				
Western Grebe		2									
Pied-billed Grebe		1		1 Boulder 3/16 SL					1 McClellan Res. 3/31 DH		
Great Blue Heron		4 Littleton 3/17 JC					2			2	
Whistling Swan				(1 Boulder 3/10-11 SL							
Canada Goose		89	53		21		11		50	6	
Snow Goose									(47		
Mallard		43	15		26	4	150		52	88	6
Gadwall		3			20		100		5	50	
Pintail		55	300				200		50	12	
Green-winged Teal		21			1		10		3	20	2
Blue-winged Teal							(2 Henry Res. 3/31 RS				
American Widgeon		1			23		75		30	45	
Shoveler		19					20				
Redhead		472			150		250		250	500	1
Ring-necked Duck		36					2				
Canvasback		3		7 Bowmar 3/1 JC					8 Sloan's Lake 3/28 PE		
Greater Scaup		2 Bowmar 3/1 JC				1 Boulder 3/12 SL					
Lesser Scaup					6		100		12	41	
Common Goldeneye		3					12		3	2	
Bufflehead		5 Kendrick Res.-KenCaryl Ranch Pond 3/13 JC					2 FCI Pond 3/20 RR				
Common Merganser		9					50		43	21	
Red-breasted Merganser		(6					1 CCRA 3/22 JC				
Turkey Vulture				(3 Platteville 3/17 BE,PE							
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1 SE Denver 3/5 TM			1 Englewood 3/14 MB				
Cooper's Hawk				1							
Red-tailed Hawk		4	2						11		2
Harlan's Hawk			1						1		
Rough-legged Hawk			2				4			1	1
Ferruginous Hawk			1			1 Bowmar 3/20 JC					
Golden Eagle				1			3				3
Bald Eagle		1 Black Forest 3/11 RS		3 Platteville 3/11 PE			11		7		
Marsh Hawk		1							1	2	
Pigeon Hawk			1 CCRA 3/3 TM								
Sparrow Hawk		4	3						1	2	
Ring-necked Pheasant			1				1		1	5	
American Coot		3			14					30	
Killdeer		2				2	6		1	3	3
Common Snipe					6					1	1
Herring Gull									350	6	
California Gull					(2 Union Res. Longmont 3/11 SL						
Ring-billed Gull		40			20		50		700	91	
Rock Dove					20	10				9	
Mourning Dove			7 Wheatridge 3/11 PR				(1 1 Denver 3/27 TM		1 Wheatridge 3/29 PE		
Great Horned Owl			2				2		1 on nest		
Long-eared Owl		1 Bowmar 3/1 JC									
Belted Kingfisher									1 Wheatridge 3/25 PR		
Red-shafted Flicker		5	6	1	6	3	2	4	3	1	7
Downy Woodpecker		2		1			1	6	3	1	1
Horned Lark				300					4	1	3
Blue Jay			6		2 Wheatridge All Mo. PE	1		1	7 Lakewood 3/29 JC		
Steller's Jay		8				4		1 E Denver 3/24 AB			
Scrub Jay		15				3					20
Black-billed Magpie		9	24	8	7	25	2	13	6	12	9
Common Crow		3	25					11			2
Black-capped Chickadee		8	5		4	6	2	10	12	2	12
Mountain Chickadee		3					6		1 Wheatridge 3/19 PR		
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1 Wheatridge All mo PE	1							
Pygmy Nuthatch		4									
Brown Creeper		1		1 Wheatridge All month PE				1			
Canon Wren		3			3						4
Robin		35	1			8	2	60	25	66	31
Mountain Bluebird				(6			30 Platteville 3/17 PE				9
Townsend's Solitaire		3	1	1	15		1	1	1 Wheatridge All mo PE		
Bohemian Waxwing				6							
Starling		26	79	50	12	70			10	6	65
House Sparrow		23	27	12		12	15	10	50		42
Western Meadowlark			55	100	1	5		30	35	12	27

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Rusty Blackbird											1
Brewer's Blackbird					50						
Common Grackle			2 Louviers	3/22 JC	(2 SE Denver	3/27 TM	2 Wheatridge	3/27-28	PE		
Evening Grosbeak	40-50	Littleton	All mo.	JT	Several Boulder	All mo.	SL	7 Golden	3/29	RS	
Cassin's Finch					4 littleton	3/25,28-30	JT				
House Finch	6	12			37	3		2			2
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch			2								
Pine Siskin				2		20	6	50			15
American Goldfinch								7		9	1
Red Crossbill	20	Lakewood	All mo.	CJ	11 Bowmar	3/20 JC	8 Wheatridge	3/17-31	PE		
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	Lakewood	All mo.	JC	2		1 Singing	Wheatridge	3/22-30	PE	
White-winged Junco	13			1			1 Wheatridge	3/24	PR		
Slate-colored Junco	13			1		2	10	30			7
Oregon Junco	81			10	4	12	25	50			30
Gray-headed Junco	26			2	1	Wheatridge	3/25, 3	Wheatridge	3/31	PR	
Tree Sparrow	7	24	12	1			125	20		2	
Harris' Sparrow	3										
Song Sparrow	3	1		1	9		1	5		3	8
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(First Arrival on the Denver Area Plains

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On May 20, 1972, the Colorado Field Ornithologists established the Official Records Committee to review and pass judgement on all sight observations of unusual or rare species as well as species being reported for the first time within the state of Colorado. The committee currently consists of Jack Reddall, Chairman(Englewood), Bill Davis(Tuscon, Arizona), Dave Griffiths (Pueblo), Paul Julian(Boulder), Hugh Kingery(Denver), Thompson Marsh(Denver) and Kip Stransky (Durango). It is hoped that all records of rarities found in Colorado will be submitted to the Committee, which will review each report individually. All records, along with editorial comments when deemed pertinent, will appear in the Colorado Field Ornithologist on a periodical basis. Researchers utilizing these records can be assured that they have been thoroughly reviewed and that documenting evidence on file.

In order to properly document an observation, a detailed description along with other pertinent data should be submitted to the Chairman of the Official Records Committee in care of:
MR. JACK REDDALL, 4450 SOUTH ALTON STREET, ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO 80110.

The format for submitting documentation is outlined later with the form entitled, "Verifying Documentation of an Unusual Record". This form(or format) is required for all rare or unusual records. For any species suspected of being recorded for the first time in Colorado, please notify the chairman at the aforementioned address and he will provide the necessary documentary forms for the observer to fill out. An Official State List of Birds of Colorado is currently being compiled by the Committee and will be available for distribution within the next few months.

The Committee is most anxious therefore, to receive documentation of the species listed below which are considered rare or unusual in Colorado. The Committee will also accept documented reports of species considered rare or unusual for one part of the state but not necessarily so in another(eg. "Western Slope"vs "Eastern High Plains"). It will depend upon the judgement of the Chairman which reports of this nature will be circulated through the Committee. Good photographs, preferably in color, are always welcomed with the documented report. Any negatives submitted will be processed and returned.

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| 1. Yellow-billed Loon | 38. Black Rail | 76. Black Phoebe |
| 2. Arctic Loon | 39. Purple Gallinule | 77. Eastern Wood Pewee |
| 3. Red-throated Loon | 40. Common Gallinule | 78. Purple Martin |
| 4. Brown Pelican | 41. Piping Plover | 79. Carolina Wren |
| 5. Olivaceous Cormorant | 42. American Golden Plover | 80. Short-billed Marsh Wren |
| 6. Anhinga | 43. Ruddy Turnstone | 81. Long-billed Thrasher |
| 7. Little Blue Heron | 44. American Woodcock | 82. Bendire's Thrasher |
| 8. Cattle Egret | 45. Eskimo Curlew | 83. Varied Thrush |
| 9. Reddish Egret | 46. Knot | 84. Gray-cheeked Thrush |
| 10. Louisiana Heron | 47. Short-billed Dowitcher | 85. Wheatear |
| 11. Wood Ibis | 48. Hudsonian Godwit | 86. Sprague's Pipit |
| 12. Glossy Ibis | 49. Red Phalarope | 87. Phainopepla |
| 13. White Ibis | 50. Pomarine Jaeger | 88. Yellow-throated Vireo |
| 14. Roseate Spoonbill | 51. Parasitic Jaeger | 89. Philadelphia Vireo |
| 15. Trumpeter Swan | 52. Long-tailed Jaeger. | 90. PProthonotary Warbler |
| 16. Brant | 53. Iceland Gull | 91. Swainson's Warbler |
| 17. Black Brant | 54. Western Gull | 92. Worm-eating Warbler |
| 18. Blue Goose | 55. Laughing Gull | 93. Golden-winged Warbler |
| 19. Ross' Goose | 56. Ivory Gull | 94. Lucy's Warbler |
| 20. Mexican Duck | 57. Black-legged Kittiwake | 95. Cape May Warbler |
| 21. Black Duck | 58. Common Tern | 96. Black-throated Blue Warbler |
| 22. Mottled Duck | 59. Arctic Tern | 97. Black-throated Green Warbler |
| 23. European Widgeon | 60. Ancient Murrelet | 98. Cerulean Warbler |
| 24. Harlequin Duck | 61. White-winged Dove | 99. Blackburnian Warbler |
| 25. Common Eider | 62. Ground Dove | 100. Yellow-throated Warbler |
| 26. Surf Scoter | 63. Inca Dove | 101. Bay-breasted Warbler |
| 27. Common Scoter | 64. Black-billed Cuckoo | 102. Blackpoll Warbler |
| 28. Black Vulture | 65. Snowy Owl | 103. Pine Warbler |
| 29. Swallow-tailed Kite | 66. Barred Owl | 104. Connecticut Warbler |
| 30. Red-shouldered Hawk | 67. Spotted Owl | 105. Hooded Warbler |
| 31. Harris' Hawk | 68. Boreal Owl | 106. Canada Warbler |
| 32. Caracara | 69. Whip-poor-will | 107. Painted Redstart. |
| 33. Gyrfalcon | 70. Lesser Nighthawk | 108. Eastern Meadowlark |
| 34. Spruce Grouse | 71. Rivoli's Hummingbird | 109. Hooded Oriole |
| 35. Ruffed Grouse | 72. Blue-throated Hummingbird | 110. Scott's Oriole |
| 36. Whooping Crane | 73. Pileated Woodpecker | 111. Hepatic Tanager |
| 37. Yellow Rail | 74. Great-crested Flycatcher | 112. Summer Tanager |
| | 75. Olivaceous Flycatcher | 113. Painted Bunting |
| | | 114. Purple Finch |

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| 115. LeConte's Sparrow | 117. Field Sparrow | 119. Snow Bunting |
| 116. Sharp-tailed Sparrow | 118. Golden-crowned Sparrow | |

NOTE: The CFO Official Records Committee will periodically review this list and make additions and deletions as is deemed necessary. All species listed here are currently accepted as valid for the Official State Bird List. However, based upon further investigations and subsequent rulings by the committee, some of these species may be found invalid and ultimately dropped from the Official State Bird List.

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
 VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: _____ 2. Number: _____
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: _____
4. Date(s): _____ 5. Time bird seen: _____ to _____
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
7. Description of voice, if heard:
8. Description of behavior:
- 9: Habitat- General:
 Specific:
- 10: Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6,7 and 8 above; Explain:
11. Distance(how measured?)
12. Optical Equipment:
13. Light(sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
16. Other observers:
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence your documentation:
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

 Signature
 Date Prepared: _____ Street Address: _____
 _____ City and State: _____

(USE THE REVERSE SIDE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - MAY 1973

- May 3-6 Thursday through Sunday. Baca County. Contact Hugh Kingery, 733-0351 or Paul Julian, 499-9107. Hot weather hiking.
- 5 Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at Denver Museum Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 9 Wednesday. Jefferson County Areas. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 12 Saturday. BIG DAY COUNT Call leaders if you would like to join their group-or make up your own party. All reports should be sent to David Hutchinson, Editor.
 Dave Griffiths. Pueblo. Call Sophia Bogart, 388-4101 about arrangements.
 Louise Herring. Boulder. 442-7059
 Harold Holt. Area undecided. 936-8845
 Jim Lane. Possibly Bonny Dam for weekend. 238-1426
 Thompson Marsh. White River National Forest for the weekend. 377-5380
 Sue Merrick. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. 355-7126
 Sadie Morrison. 388-1488
 Don Thatcher. Red Rocks and Mountains. 455-7479
 Lois Webster. Barr Lake. 364-0301
 Lynn Willcockson. Waterton. 757-7000
- 13 Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M.
- 16 Wednesday. Area undecided. Bobby Ausfahl, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center, East Hampden and South Logan at 7:00 A.M. *
- 19 and 20 Colorado Field Ornithologists Convention at Durango.
- 20 Sunday. Waterton. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:30 A.M. Lots of walking. *
- 26 Saturday. Deer Creek Canyon. Merle Barbour and Helen Bonnema, Leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. *
- 27 Sunday. Barr Lake. Jo Trainor, Leader. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M.*

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Denver, Colorado

May, 1973
David Hutchinson, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 22, 1973
"Birds, Flowers and Scenes from Mexico"
by
Ruth Anderson

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

APRIL 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- April 1, Sunday. Denver to Prospect Reservoir, Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Partly cloudy. 33° - 56°. Wind. N. 18-25 mph. 11½ hrs.) Helen Anderson, John and Joyce Cooper, Margaret Geick, Harold and LaVona Holt, Marjorie McWilliams, Sue Merrick. (63 species)
- 7, Saturday. No trip. Bad weather.
- 8, Sunday. No trip. Bad weather.
- 14, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Fair. Muddy! Moderate wind and temperature. 4½ hrs.) (31 species)
- 15, Sunday. No trip. Bad weather.
- 21, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek to Morrison Park. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Pleasant. 40° - 50°. Sunny. 7 hrs.) Ward and Margo Chadwick, Juanita Craig, Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (49 species)
- 21, Saturday. Muir Springs, Goodrich, Banner Lakes. (6 hrs.) Paul C. Rechel and family. (33 species)
- 27, Friday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. (1hr.) Mildred Snyder and Ruth Wheeler. (38 species)
- 28, Saturday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. (Partly cloudy. 48°. 9 hrs.) Bruce Bozley, Ward Chadwick, Laurie Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Vi Hubka, Blanco Iovine, Lesley and Paul Julian, Steve Larson, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Mike Moulton, Peter Moulton, Jane Newcomb, Mary Robinson, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Sharon Star, Jo Trainor, Ruth Wheeler. (91 species)
- 29, Sunday. Waterton. Hugh Kingery, Leader. (Cloudy. Cool. Windy. 7½ hrs.) Joanne Abbott, Ed and Irene Arenson, John Ball, John and Joyce Cooper, Virginia and Tom Faxon, Mary Fischer, Yvonne Gibbons, Elinor Kingery, Al Koewing, Mike Linshaw and L. B. Winders. (54 species)

MEMBERSHIP: Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. For other types of membership, please contact the Treasurer, George Shier, Rt. 1, Box 821, Golden, Colorado 80401. Telephone: 279-1990.

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart.St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please note, if a field trip is cancelled for any reason, please notify the editor.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. Please note, if you and a friend(s) go on a trip send in a report and I'll use them as space permits.

ATTENTION, SUMMER FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you can lead a field trip, Saturday, Sunday or mid-week during the months of July and August, contact Patty Echelmeyer: 233-4947.

APRIL AREA HABITAT	1 JACK PLNS	14 PAWN PLNS	21 LBC PLNS	21 MORR FOOT	21 MSBL PLNS	27 CCRA PLNS	28 BARR PLNS	29 WAT PLNS
SPECIES								
Common Loon			3 Marston 4/20 DS					
Horned Grebe	3		77 14 Bowles L. 4/5 MOS				1	
Eared Grebe	1 Rocky Mtn Arsenal 4/1 JB					1	3	
Western Grebe	8		8			250	3	
Pied-billed Grebe				3		3	2	
White Pelican						(8 CCRA 4/26 RR		
Double-crested Cormorant	(3						43	
Great Blue Heron	31	2			3		37	19
Black-cr. Night Heron							(6	
White-faced Ibis	2 Barr-MHDC 4/14 HH 2 McClelland Res. 4/14 JC 8 Sloan's L. 4/15 PE							
Mute Swan			1 on nest Bow Mar 4/19,29 JC					
Canada Goose	12		16			2	4	2
<u>White-fronted Goose</u>			1 CCRA 4/20 DS	NEW LATE RECORD				
Mallard	1930	40	14	4	35	6	112	11
Gadwall	215	4	97		40	6	138	4
Pintail	1250	20			25	2	62	
Green-winged Teal	85	6	3		3	1	18	
Blue-winged Teal	2	4 Wheatridge 4/26 PR			20		10	
Cinnamon Teal	4						12	
American Widgeon	80	20	8		2	3	11	
Shoveler	65				11	23	312	
Redhead	180		220		8	2	4	
Ring-necked Duck								1
Canvasback	5				3		1	
Lesser Scaup	370	20	55		50	6	35	2
Common Goldeneye	6						1	
Bufflehead	6		25				1	1
Ruddy Duck	(150		2			8	170	
Common Merganser	9	40			5	15 1 MHDC 4/29 HH		
Red-breasted Merganser			12 Marston 4/20 DS					
Turkey Vulture	1 Greeley 4/1 PE 2 Colorado Springs 4/5 DH 1 Highland Heights 4/14 RR							2
Goshawk			1 Evergreen 4/16 DS					
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1 Boulder 4/29 SL		4
Coopers Hawk	1 Boulder 4/9 SL		1			1 Waterton 4/28 HK		
Red-tailed Hawk	2	1	1		2		3	2
<u>Broad-tailed Hawk</u>			1 Vaile Res. 4/21 DS					1
Swainson's Hawk						(1	14	
Rough-legged Hawk	9						1)	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	1						
Golden Eagle	1 Rocky Mtn. Arsenal 4/1JB		1					2
Bald Eagle	2I)							
Marsh Hawk	12	1			1	1	2	2
Osprey	(1 CCRA 4/22 TM 1 Waterton 4/22 HK 2 carrying sticks CCRA 4/23 JC 2 CCRA 4/26 RR							
Prairie Falcon	1							
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>							1	
Pigeon Hawk	1 Boulder 4/1 DH	1)						
Sparrow Hawk	8	3			9	1	11	9
Blue Grouse						1 female RMNP 4/29 GR		
Bobwhite					1			
Ring-necked Pheasant	7	1			8		2	1
Chukar							4	
Virginia Rail	2							
American Coot	30	1	220		60	25	30	
Semipalmated Plover					(2 Boulder 4/25 1 4/29 SL			
Killdeer	6	5	5		3	1	6	2
<u>Black-bellied Plover</u>					1 MHDC 4/22 HH	NEW EARLY RECORD		
Common Snipe	1		1				5	
Long-billed Curlew							(1	
Spotted Sandpiper					(1 Wheatridge 4/29 PR		2	
Solitary Sandpiper							(3	
Willet						(2	3	
Greater Yellowlegs	(3					2	4	
Lesser Yellowlegs		(3 Barr-MHDC 4/14 HH					23	
Baird's Sandpiper							(12	
Least Sandpiper							(6	
Long-billed Dowitcher							(62	
Western Sandpiper	(HH)			(96 MHDC 4/22 HH			2	
Marbled Godwit	(3 Barr-MHDC 4/14 1 Sloans L. 4/21 DS 1 CCRA 4/23 JC						29	53
American Avocet	(1 Lafayette 4/14 RS 20 Barr-MHDC 4/14 HH			2			28	
<u>Black-necked Stilt</u>			(1 Boulder 4/21 SL					
Wilson's Phalarope							(260	

APRIL	1	14	21	21	21	27	28	29
AREA	JACK	PAWN	LBC	MORR	MSBL	CCRA	BARO	WAT
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
SPECIES								
Herring Gull	1)							
California Gull	42							
Ring-billed Gull	116	8	87			15		
Franklin's Gull							(12	
Bonaparte's Gull			4 Sloan's L. 4/20,21 DS				1	
Forster's Tern	(2 MHDC 4/22 HH		2 Boulder 4/27 SL			3 1 Jackson Res. 4/27 RR		
Band-tailed Pigeon						4 Evergreen 4/28 DS		
Rock Dove	23						14	2
Mourning Dove	1 SE Denver 4/8 LM		4		4	3	19	59
Great Horned Owl	2	3					4+2I	3
Burrowing Owl	(4 1 S.Wadsworth 4/23 RR		1 Titan Rd.4/28 HK		4		14	
White-throated Swift			(1 Red Rocks 4/23 RR		6 RedRocks 4/27 JC			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird								(1
Belted Kingfisher			1		2		2	6
Red-shafted Flicker	4		6		15		5	10
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		(1 Wheatridge 4/13 EW	1 Waterton 4/18 RR		1 Dillon 4/22 HK			
Downy Woodpecker	2						2	11
Eastern Phoebe								1
Say's Phoebe		(1 Titan Rd. 4/14 JC						2
Olive-sided Flycatcher						1 NEW EARLY RECORD		
Vermillion Flycatcher						1 Horse Cr. Res. 4/29 HH		
Horned Lark	110	40			10		7	1
Violet-green Swallow	(1 Waterton 4/16 RA		1 Red Rocks 4/23 RR					19
Tree Swallow		(25					3	4
Bank Swallow						(1 Boulder 4/29 SL		
Rough-winged Swallow					(1			
Barn Swallow		(1					14	8
Cliff Swallow								(4
Blue Jay	2		2 Wheatridge All mo. PR				1	
Stellar's Jay	2 SE. Denver 4/6 TM					1		1
Scrub Jay								1
Black-billed Magpie	53	2	25		30	3	27	16
Common Raven	1							
Common Crow		1					1	6
Black-capped Chickadee	8		3		1		7	12
Mountain Chickadee			1	2			1)	
Red-breasted Nuthatch					4-6 SE Denver 4/15-30 LM			3)
Brown Creeper		1 SE Denver 4/26 LM)			1 RMNP 4/29 GR			
Dipper				1	3 Idaho Springs 4/22 PR			
House Wren	1 Boulder 4/26 SL		1 Waterton 4/28 HK					7
Long-billed Marsh Wren	1				1 Boulder 4/27 SL			
Rock Wren					(2 MHDC 4/29 HH			
Mockingbird							(1	
Sage Thrasher							(1	
Robin	11	1	4	1	2	2	46	190
Hermit Thrush			(1 Waterton 4/20 JC		1 MHDC 4/22 HH			
Western Bluebird			(25 Red Rocks 4/16 RR					
Mountain Bluebird		2						
Townsend's Solitaire	1	1 SE Denver 4/2 TM					4	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		(1 Lakewood 4/17 JC		1 MHDC 4/29 HH				2
Bohemian Waxwing	4-42 Lakewood 4/13-27 JC				Few all mo. Boulder SL	NEW LATE RECORD		
Loggerhead Shrike	(1 CCRA 4/8 DS	1 McClelland Res.4/19 RR	1 CCRA 4/23 JC			3		
Starling	87	8	8	2		4	190	45
Orange-crowned Warbler							(1	2
Nashville Warbler						1 Boulder 4/29 SL		
Yellow Warbler						(1 MHDC 4/29 HH		
Myrtle Warbler		(1 Waterton 4/12 JC	3 Waterton 4/22 HK	6		4		6
Audubon's Warbler	(3 Waterton 4/14 HK	1 Waterton 4/16 RA				9		62
Black-throated Gray Warbler					(1 SE Denver 4/30 HS			
MacGillivray's Warbler			(1 CCRA 4/23 JC		NEW EARLY RECORD			
Yellowthroat			(1 Banner Lakes 4/28 RR					
Wilson's Warbler			(1 Boulder 4/26 SL					
House Sparrow	200	12	25	10		6	38	
Western Meadowlark	225	100	15		100	6	72	42
Yellow-headed Blackbird		(6	3			75	230	
Red-winged Blackbird	3600	30	24		150	21	400	14
Brewer's Blackbird	7	10	2			1	63	
Common Grackle	1		40		2		23	14
Brown-headed Cowbird							(2	6
Evening Grosbeak	Several Boulder	All mo. SL	40-50 Littleton All mo. JT					
Cassin's Finch		5 Littleton 4/1-24,	3 4/28 JT					

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HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PENS	PENS	PLNS

SPECIES								
House Finch	3		8	8		2	12	2
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch			6	Dillon 4/20-22 HK				
Brown-capped Rosy Finch			6	Dillon 4/20-22 HK				
Pine Siskin	3						114	
American Goldfinch	3						27	
Lesser Goldfinch			(8 Boulder 4/23 SL					
Red Crossbill	Up to 40	Boulder All mo. SL	2	Dillon 4/21-22 HK	10	Wheatridge All mo. PE		
Green-tailed Towhee			(2					
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	Lakewood 4/1-9 JC			1	Horse Cr. Res. 4/29 HH		8
Vesper Sparrow	1	Waterton 4/14 HK					3	
White winged Junco	2	Wheatridge 4/7-12 PR		2	2	Lakewood 4/24 JC	NEW	LATE
Slate-colored Junco			6	1	MHDC 4/22 HH)			RECORD
Oregon Junco	16	2	Barr-MHDC 4/14 HH	5			4	7
Gray-headed Junco			1	6	1	Horse CR. Res.4/29HH	1	1
Tree Sparrow	4)							
Chipping Sparrow	(2	Wheatridge 4/5 PR	1	Aurora 4/16MOS	3	1	Littleton 4/29 JT	2
Brewer's Sparrow							1	Waterton 4/28 HK
Harris' Sparrow	1		4			2	Waterton 4/28 HK	1
White-crowned Sparrow	1	2	SE Denver 4/22-30 LM			1	14	1
Fox Sparrow			1					
Lincoln's Sparrow			(1	CCRA 4/22 TM	1	MHDC 4/22 HH		
Song Sparrow	8		2		2		1	10
TOTAL SPECIES	166	63	31	45	12	33	38	91
								54

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EASTERN PHOEBE: Hugh Kingery reports that it had a dark head, gray back, dark tail which it wagged occasionally up and down, clear whitish breast. It sat on mullein stalks, occasionally on tree tops, feeding. It occurred along the river bottom, first on the edge of a glade, then in the open cottonwood forest. It made a single-noted sound, a cheep or grief whistle.

PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the numberof people in the car including the driver.

SAVE STAMPS --- SAVE EAGLES: Used commemorative postage stamps (no Christmas issues) can help fund Florida Audubon Society's Bald Eagle Program. Cut them carefully from envelopes leaving ¼ to ½ inch margin and bring to DFO meetings for forwarding.

HELP NEEDED: Many out-of-state birders will be in the Denver area in early June for the National Audubon Society Convention. At the information booth we would like to have a list of volunteers from DFO who can give birding help; either information or "guide service". If you would like to help in this manner, please call Patty Echelmeyer: 233-4947.

LIFERS WANTED LIST FOR COLORADO: Do you have a "Lifers Wanted List for Colorado"? If so, send a copy to Mildred Snyder, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora Colorado 80011 or Patty Echelmeyer, 2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214. We will try to contact you if your birds are in the vicinity. Please keep us up to date on latest revisions, too.

CORNELL NESTING RECORDS: Remember to make observations of nesting birds. Keep your eyes open, your ears perked and write down pertinent data concerning any nests found in the field. Nesting record cards are available from Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837. Remember, use pencils on the cards. Lots of luck and let's top last years number of reports.

CLUB TELESCOPE NOTICE! It has been suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope on field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15-60 x 60. Call Don Thatcher, 457-7479 for help in locating the scope. Please keep Don Thatcher informed of the whereabouts of the telescope at all times.

A.O.U. CHECKLIST REVISION

The April, 1973 issue of The Auk, (90;2, 411-419) contains the "Thirty-second Supplement to the A.O.U.'s Checklist of North American Birds." (the first such supplement since publication of the 1957 list.) The following are the important changes: (lumps and splits) * equals the accepted name.

Blue Goose merged with Snow Goose.*
Green-winged Teal* merged with Common Teal.
Harlan's Hawk is merged with Red-tailed Hawk.*
Thayer's Gull* now attains species rank.
Red-shafted Flicker, Yellow-shafted Flicker and Gilded Flicker are merged as Common Flicker.*
Empidonax traillii is split into Empidonax traillii (southern-western) fitz-bew type = Willow Flycatcher*, and Empidonax alnorum (northern-eastern) fee-bee-o type = Alder Flycatcher.*
Black-eared Bushtit is merged with Bushtit*
Parula Warbler becomes Northern Parula.*
Audubon's and Myrtle Warblers are merged into Yellow-rumped Warbler.*
Bullock's Oriole and Baltimore Oriole are merged into Northern Oriole.*
Boat-tailed Grackle is split into Casidix mexicanus=Great-tailed Grackle* and Casidix major = Boat-tailed Grackle*
Slate-colored, White-winged, Oregon and Guadeloupe Juncos are merged into Dark-eyed Junco.*

Further name changes:

Widgeon is now spelled Wigeon.*
Shoveler becomes Northern Shoveler.*
Pigeon Hawk becomes Merlin*
Sparrow Hawk becomes American Kestrel.*
Upland Plover becomes Upland Sandpiper.*
Catbird becomes Gray Catbird.*
Yellowthroat becomes Common Yellowthroat.*

These changes will be put into effect in the next issue of "The Lark Bunting."

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - JUNE 1973

- June 2 Saturday. East Lake and Lakes North to Great Falls. David Hutchinson, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 6:30 A.M.*
- 2-3 Camping Week-end at Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Call 757-0837 for further information.
- 3 Sunday. Foothills. Don Thatcher. Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. *
- 6 Wednesday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Margo and Ward Chadwick. Leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center. South Logan and Hampden. at 7:30 A.M. *
- 7-11 NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY CONVENTION. No DFO trips scheduled for this time. Take a visiting birder to your special spot and send the Editor a report of exciting sightings.
- 16 Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison. Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *
- 17 Sunday. Area undecided due to road conditions. Sophia Bogart. Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 8:00 A.M. *
- 20 Wednesday. Breeding Bird Census trip to the Chatfield Dam heronry. Meet at 5:30 P.M. at South Santa Fe and Blakeland Rd (first road south of County Line Road, Colorado 470. Please check in with a leader before trip: Nancy Hurley: 757-0837, or Hugh Kingery: 733-0351.
- 23 Saturday. Pueblo Area. Dave Griffiths. Leader. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Ramada Inn in Pueblo. Bring drinking water. *
- 24 Sunday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Ray Olson. Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 6:30 A.M. *
- 30 Saturday. Waterton and Deer Creek areas. Bob Reed. Leader. Meet at the Waterton Bridge over the Platte River at 6:30 A.M. *

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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June, 1973
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NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

MAY 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- May 4, 5, 6. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Baca County. Hugh Kingery, Leader. (Leaves not out on cottonwoods, season probably 1-2 weeks late) Lesley and Paul Julian, Al Koewing, David McCargo, Doug Stotz. (157 Species)
- 4, Friday. Two Buttes Reservoir and Vicinity. Walsh. (104 Species)
- 5, Saturday. Cimarron River. (90 Species)
- 5, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Weather moderate, 7½ hours) Laurie Chappell, Dick and Mary Fenelley, Helen Gross, Jane Newcomb, Ralph Sargent, Ron Tidball. (50 Species)
- 6, Sunday. (Baca County) Comanche National Grassland, Holt, Picture, Carrizo and Cottonwood Canyons. (77 Species)
- 9, Wednesday. Sloans Lake, Johnson Park, Red Rocks. (Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. (80°, 6 hours) Margo and Ward Chadwick, John and Joyce Cooper, Vi Hubka, Bernice Merry, Ruth Wheeler. (62 Species)
- 12, Saturday. SPRING COUNT. 11 counts were reported (244 Species) (See separate report for details)
- 13, Sunday. Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Cloudy, cool. 3-1/4 hours) Laurie Chappell, Ginny and Tom Faxon, Elma Havely (Santa Anna, Calif.) Viona Wine. (34 Species)
- 16, Wednesday. Parker, Castlewood Dam. Bobby Ausfahl, Leader. (Fair and Sunny, 7½ hours) Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, John and Joyce Cooper, Seth Goodwin, Pat Thurgood. (47 Species)
- 20, Sunday. Waterton and McLelland Reservoir. Sophia Bogart, Leader. (Clear AM, 50's, partly cloudy PM, 80's, 8 hours) Cindy and Steve Borchardt, Laurie Chappell, Ginny and Tom Faxon, Lucy Gerstenkorn, Ron Iestina, Jo and Ted Trainor. (52 Species)
- 20, Sunday. Loveland Vicinity to East Lake. (Clear and warm, 5 hours) Becky, David, Jeff and Karen Hutchinson. (66 Species)
- 26, Saturday. Deer Creek Canyon and Waterton. Merle Barbour and Helen Bonnema, Leaders. Edna Blackhurst, John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Vi Hubka, Sadie Morrison, Jane Newcomb, Robert Reed, Ruth Wheeler. (43 Species)
- 27, Sunday. Barr Lake and Vaille Reservoir. Jo Trainor, Leader. (48-55°, High winds! 40-50 gusting to 80 mph, 5 hours) Lois Booth, Cindy and Steve Borchardt, Bruce Bosley, Laurie Chappell, Ginny and Tom Faxon, LaDorn and Seth Goodwin, Bianca and Chickie Iovine, Mike Moulton, Pete Moulton, Chris, Frances and Jim Tracy. (57 Species)
- 27, Sunday. Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Vicinity. (Partly cloudy, clearing in PM, gusting wind, 6 hours) David Hutchinson, observer. (54 Species)

BOOK REVIEW

A Birder's Guide to Denver and Eastern Colorado by James A. Lane and Harold R. Holt. \$3.00.

This book is a must for all birders whether beginners or seasoned veterans. It is very interesting and well-written. The authors take advantage of a wealth of resources and mould them into a usable tool for birding as well as aspects of nature. Loop trips to many of the excellent birding locations in Eastern Colorado are described. Distances, chief birding spots, birds most likely to be seen and an interesting commentary make this book indispensable. Harold Holt's Fourth Revision of "Status and Migration Data of Birds of the Denver Area" can be found in the book. This portion is very informative and necessary for birders in this region. Other interesting facets include Specialties of Eastern Colorado and Other Vertebrates of Eastern Colorado. I would highly recommend A Birder's Guide to Denver and Eastern Colorado to all those who have an interest in birds and appreciate the out-of-doors. You can get your copy at the Denver Museum of Natural History or by sending \$3.00 plus 25¢ postage and handling to: L and P Photography, Box 19401, Denver, Colorado 80219.

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MAY
AREA
HABITAT
SPECIES

4	5	5	6	9	9	9	13	16	20	20	26	27	27
TBRW	CR	PAWN	CGC	SL	JP	RRP	RRP	PCD	WAT	LOV	DCC	BARR	GSD
		PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT			FOOT	PLNS	

Common Loon 1 CCRA 5/3 JC
Horned Grebe 2 Barr L. 5/14 HH 3
Eared Grebe 16 6 1
Western Grebe 6 x 14 1
Pied-billed Grebe 2 x 8
Double-crested Cormorant 1 1 Boulder 5/5 SL x 42
Great Blue Heron 5 1 31
Green Heron 1 Chatfield 5/4 JC 1 Boulder 5/5 SL 1 Waterton 5/16 HK 1 ~~Vailie Res.~~ 5/28 DS
1 SE Denver 5/29 BA
Snowy Egret (1 Broomfield 5/14 TG
Black-crowned Night Heron 1 (1 Waterton 5/2 HK 1 Clear Creek 5/4 DH
American Bittern (Few Boulder 5/3-24 SL 1 MHDC 5/15 HH
White-faced Ibis 19 Boulder 5/7 SL 1 Evergreen 5/1-2 DS 3 MHDC 5/15 HH
Canada Goose x 2
Mallard 48 5 6 6 x 7 5 3 1 10 5
Gadwall 12 4 1 6
Pintail 45 8 1 2 12 2
Green-winged Teal 40 5 1 2 2
Blue-winged Teal 110 10 4 3 x 3 6
Cinnamon Teal 1 2 1
American Widgeon 30 1 1
Shoveler 170 2 2 x 3 2
Redhead 60 4 12
Ring-necked Duck 2
Canvasback 5 1
Lesser Scaup 22 10 x 7
Common Goldeneye 1 MHDC 5/27 HH
Bufflehead 2 x)
Ruddy Duck 30 20 x 5 1
Common Merganser 1 MHDC 5/14 HH
Turkey Vulture 5 1 14 8 4 1
Mississippi Kite 4
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1 1 ~~Boulder 5/3 SL~~ 1 Waterton 5/2 HK 1 S Denver 5/15 CH (NEW LATE RECORD)
Cooper's Hawk 1 1 Boulder 5/16 SL 1
Red-tailed Hawk 2 1 1 4
Broad-winged Hawk 1 Light Phase Morrison 5/2 JC 2 Boulder 5/5 SL 1 Waterton 5/9, 15 HK
Swainson's Hawk 4 5 3 4 2 1
Ferruginous Hawk 1 2 2 1 Bonny Res. 5/13 JC, HH
Golden Eagle 2 1
Marsh Hawk 1 1 1
Osprey 1 Boulder 5/4 SL)
Merlin (Pigeon Hawk) 1 Boulder 5/3 SL)
American Kestrel (Sp. Hawk) 8 1 2 x 1 2 9 2 2 1 2
Lesser Prairie Chicken 12
Blue Grouse 1 Evergreen 5/14 DS
Bobwhite 8
Scaled Quail 2
Ring-necked Pheasant 2 3 1 1
Turkey 2
Virginia Rail 4 1 MHDC 5/15 HH
Sora 1
American Coot 22 4 x 1 15 8
Semipalmated Plover 5
Killdeer 5 9 6 x 2 5 4 2
Mountain Plover 2 (4 1
Common Snipe 1
Long-billed Curlew 1 6 1 Evergreen 5/1 DS
Whimbrel 1 CCRA 5/3 JC (NEW EARLY RECORD) 27 ~~Gaynor~~ L.S. of Longmont 5/12 IB, AC
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 1 Idalia 5/11 JC
Spotted Sandpiper 2 2 1 x 6
Solitary Sandpiper 2 3 1 MHDC 5/14 HH)
Willet 1 3 MHDC 5/27 HH (NEW LATE RECORD)
Greater Yellowlegs 2)
Lesser Yellowlegs 1 x
Peep, sp 8
Baird's Sandpiper 3 3
Least Sandpiper 9 6
Long-billed Dowitcher 3
Stilt Sandpiper (2 MHDC 5/14)
Semipalmated Sandpiper (10)
Western Sandpiper 3 3
American Avocet 3 6 3 2
Black-necked Stilt 1 1 Boulder 5/3 SL
Wilson's Phalarope 300 1 8 x 1 2
Northern Phalarope 1 Boulder 5/5

MAY	4	5	5	6	9	9	9	13	16	20	20	26	27	27
AREA	TBRW	CR	PAWN	CGC	SL	JP	RRP	RRP	PCD	WAT	LOV	DCC	BARR	GSD
HABITAT			PENS		PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT			FOOT	PLNS	
SPECIES														
California Gull					x									
Ring-billed Gull	14				x					1			3	
Franklin's Gull	1													
Bonaparte's Gull	1 Sloan's L	5/2	PE		x									
Forster's Tern	8				x									
Black Tern											6 Henry's L	5/27	RS	
Rock Dove	20			6		x	7				7		1	
Mourning Dove	55	60	100	55	x				45	23	58	7	18	13
Screech Owl								1 Boulder	5/21	SL				
Great Horned Owl	3	2	4	2				1	2				1	
Burrowing Owl	6		6											
Poor-will	1 CC and Sherman	5/16	TM	2 Banded Longmont	5/19	AC	1 SE Denver	5/25	TM					
Common Nighthawk	3													
Chimney Swift	5	Several CU Campus	5/3-24	SL	5-6 Longmont	5/10	IB							
White-throated Swift						x	4				1	3		2
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				1		x	6			12	12	10		31
Belted Kingfisher	1	1		1						1	1			
Common Flicker(RS)		2	1	3			3	2	2	3	2	2	2	
Red-headed Woodpecker		2			1 Daniel's Park	VW							2	
Lewis' Woodpecker	10										1			
Williamson's Sapsucker					1 Upper Bear Creek	5/19	DH							
Hairy Woodpecker		1		1				4			1			
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		1		x	2	6			4	1		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		3												
Eastern Kingbird		2						5	8	3	2	6		
Western Kingbird	12	23	3	20				4		5	1	14	2	
Cassin's Kingbird				4										
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		4												
Ash-throated Flycatcher		1		6			1 Bonny	5/11	DS et al					
Eastern Phoebe				3										
Say's Phoebe	4	2	2	1		x	2	1						
Empidonax, sp	2	1		2			2		1			1	5	
Least Flycatcher			(1 Boulder	5/11	SL		1 SE Denver	5/19	BA)					
Hammond's Flycatcher							1 Banded Longmont	5/16	AC					
Dusky Flycatcher								(2 Banded Longmont	5/29	AC				
Western Flycatcher		1												1
Western Wood Pewee	(2 Waterton	5/17	HK	Many Longmont	5/25	on AC				1	1	24	1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1 Waterton	5/17	HK			1 Eldorado Springs	5/30	IB, AC					
Horned Lark	100	5	200	180				16		6		40	4	
Violet-green Swallow						x	4	10		7	2	1	8	
Tree Swallow	5			1						2		12	2	
Bank Swallow	30													
Rough-winged Swallow	20	1		8				9	2			2		
Barn Swallow		1	30	1		x			8	5	1	24	3	
Cliff Swallow	2	1		50			15		1	26				
Blue Jay		10					Few all month	SW Denver	DH					
Steller's Jay		1 Waterton(Plains)	5/2	HK	x			1			5		2	
Scrub Jay		4		4		x	2	3			15		13	
Black-billed Magpie	5	18	8	4		x	5	6	15	37	5	18	18	
White-necked Raven		3		6		1 Near Akron	5/11	JC						
Common Raven				1		x								7
Common Crow		3		3				3	1					
Pinyon Jay														9
Clark's Nutcracker	4-58	Evergreen	All month	DS										1
Black-capped Chickadee						x		4		7	7			8
Mountain Chickadee														2
Plain Titmouse				1										37
Common Bushtit														6
White-breasted Nuthatch														1
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1 Wheatridge	5/12	PE					
Brown Creeper							1 Bonny	5/13	LH					
Dipper										1				
House Wren	7	3	1	1		x	3	36	31	2	5	3	1	
Bewick's Wren		2		7										
Long-billed Marsh Wren	3			2 Boulder	5/4-7	SL								
Canon Wren	4			6		x	1				3			
Rock Wren	6		3	13										
Mockingbird	1	19		5										
Catbird								1 Aurora	5/26-29	MOS	6	1		
Brown Thrasher	3	3	(1			1 Longmont	5/12	AC						
Curve-billed Thrasher				2										
Robin	4	3	2	1	x		10		12	33	11	1	9	
Hermit Thrush	2 Waterton	5/2	HK	1		x				2 South Park	5/27	CH		
Swainson's Thrush	1 S Denver	5/14	LM	4 Littleton	5/28	VW	1		1 Aurora	5/30-31	MOS			
Veery	1 Boulder	5/9-11	SL	4 Banded Longmont	5/19-29	AC	1 Wheatridge	5/20-21	PE					

MAY	4	5	5	6	9	9	9	13	16	20	20	26	27	27
AREA	TBRW	CR	PAWN	CGC	SL	JP	RRP	RRP	PCD	WAT	LOV	DCC	BARR	GSD
HABITAT			PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT			FOOT	PLNS	
SPECIES														
Western Bluebird														1
Mountain Bluebird									6					
Townsend's Solitaire			2		x									
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	4		4	1 SE Denver	5/5BA	2							
Golden-crowned Kinglet										11 Upper Bear Creek	5/19 DH			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	2 SE Park	5/26-28 CH		x1 SE Denver	5/29BA	2						2
Water Pipit	2													
Bohemian Waxwing	30 Boulder	5/1-7 SL	40-50 Littleton	5/2 JT	12 Henry's L	5/11 PE (NEW LATE RECORD)								
			10, Longmont	5/10 BB, AC										
Loggerhead Shrike	3	15	6	4					1					
Starling	5	2	6		x			4	11	29	27	10	1	3
Yellow-throated Vireo			1 Boulder	5/10 SL										
Solitary Vireo									1	3				
Red-eyed Vireo											1			
Warbling Vireo	4									2				1
Black and White Warbler			(1 Banded Longmont	5/21 AC		1 Boulder	5/23 PE)							
Worm-eating Warbler			1											
Golden-winged Warbler		1												
Tennessee Warbler	2		(1 Boulder	5/14 SL		1 Banded Longmont	5/18 AC)							
Orange-crowned Warbler	3	10		1(1 Longmont	5/8 AC	1		2	1					
Nashville Warbler	2	4	(2 Boulder	5/3-7 SL)										
Virginia's Warbler	4	4		1	x	88		2	2	3				
Northern Parula(Warbler)	2													
Yellow Warbler	3	3		3	x	2		36	21	4	1	6		
Magnolia Warbler			(1 Wheatridge	5/19 PE					1 SE Denver	5/29 BA)				
Cape May Warbler			1 Boulder	5/7 SL										
Yellow-rumped Warbler								22						
(Myrtle Warbler)	14	7		7	x									
(Audubon's Warbler)	16	93		32	x			2						
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1				(1 SE Denver	5/5, 11 BA)			3	2			11	
Townsend's Warbler	2		(2 Boulder	5/3-9 SL		1 Waterton	5/9 RR)							
Black-throated Green Warbler			(2 Boulder	5/3 SL		1 Red Rocks	5/5 JC							
Chesnut-sided Warbler								1 Banded Longmont	5/25 AC					
Bay-breasted Warbler								1 Photographed Estes Park	5/20 LM					
Blackpoll Warbler			3 Boulder	5/15	1 5/17 SL			1 Evergreen	5/30 DS					
Ovenbird								1 Banded Longmont	5/23 AC					
Northern Waterthrush	2 Boulder	5/17 SL	1 RMNP	5/25 RP, WR	1 SE Denver	5/26 BA	1 S Park	5/27-28 CH						
								1 Evergreen	5/31 DS					
MacGillivray's Warbler					1 Aurora	5/29 MOS	1	2	1	2			1	
Common Yellowthroat	1	2			1 RMNP	5/25 RP, WR		1	4	3	1			
Yellow-breasted Chat	(1 Red Rocks	5/9 JC	1 Waterton	5/9 HKx	8			7						
Hooded Warbler			(1 RMNP	5/14 BB)										
Wilson's Warbler	3	7						3	1	2			11	
American Redstart		1	(1 Boulder	5/17 SL				2	5	1 SE Denver	5/29 BA			
House Sparrow	2	1515	1	x				3	15	27		2	2	
Bobolink								6	Longmont	5/28 RH, JL				
Western Meadowlark	31	60	200	35		x	4	33	18	21	2	8	5	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	33	1				x				25		2		
Red-winged Blackbird	111	35	12	3	x			12	38	38	11	24	2	
Orchard Oriole									(2 Banner L	5/28 DS				
Northern Oriole														
(Baltimore Oriole)		3												
(Bullocks Oriole)	2	75		5	x		5	5	16	5	3	8		
Brewers Blackbird			1		x			24	1	6			3	
Great-tailed Grackle					1 Gunnison	5/20 TM								
Common Grackle	3		8		x			10	30	18	5	15	10	
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	22		5			19	28	2	5	15			
Western Tanager					(1 Waterton	5/15 HK			1			2	2	
Scarlet Tanager					1 N Denver	5/17 RW								
Summer Tanager			1 Longmont	5/4 IB, AC										
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1(1 Wheatridge	5/11-15 PE	1 Longmont	5/18 IB	1 SW Adams Co	5/19 DH								
Black-headed Grosbeak	(1 Waterton	5/9 HK					1	1		16	1	17		
Blue Grosbeak		2						1 Barr L	5/28 DS			1		
Indigo Bunting	1	1 Boulder	5/5 SL					1 Banded Longmont	5/29 AC					
Lazuli Bunting	12	Waterton	5/15 HK		x		3	1	6	6	6			
Evening Grosbeak	1				2 Several Lakewood	1/1-11 JC								
					Flock Longmont	all month IB	40-50 down to 7							
Cassin's Finch	5 Littleton	5/1-8 JT					3 Evergreen	5/12 DH						
House Finch			1	x			2	5	24	7			3	
Brown-capped Rosy Finch							750 Near Jefferson	5/26 DS						
Pine Siskin	12			118				5	2	12	10		25	
American Goldfinch		10		5					6	3	8		3	
Lesser Goldfinch										2	9			
Red Crossbill	8	Few Wheatridge	all Mo	PE	2 Lakewood	5/17-22 JC								
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1	1 Waterton	5/9 HK		x	4	2	1 SE Denver	5/29 BA			18	

MAY	4	5	5	6	9	9	9	13	16	20	20	26	27	27
AREA	TBRW	CR	PAWN	CRC	SL	JP	RRP	RRP	PCD	WAT	LOV	DCC	BARR	GSD
HABITAT			PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT	FOOT		FOOT	PLNS	

SPECIES

Rufous-sided Towhee	5	4	1	1			x	18		25		18		
Brown Towhee	1	10												1
Lark Bunting	225	35	100	550									40	
Savannah Sparrow	1	2	30											
Grasshopper Sparrow		28		4				1	Bonny 5/13 PJ,HK					
Baird's Sparrow	1	Boulder 5/3-4	SL					1	Bonny 5/13 PJHK					
Vesper Sparrow	1	8	40				x	2	11				1	
Lark Sparrow	14	198	1	317						1				
Rufous-crowned Sparrow				9										
Cassin's Sparrow		7		5										
Dark-eyed Junco														1 SE Denver 5/24 NEW LATE RECORD
(Oregon Junco)	10	Waterton 5/2	HK											
Gray-headed Junco	46	Waterton 5/2	HK 1											2
Tree Sparrow	1	Boulder 5/5-7	SL											
Chipping Sparrow	18	203		208		x		1		5				13
Clay-colored Sparrow	7	26		2										
Brewer's Sparrow	5				2	Littleton 5/2-7	JT							
Harris' Sparrow					5	Longmont 5/12	AC		1	South Park 5/27	CH			
White-crowned Sparrow	20	1		3						2		2		8
Lincoln's Sparrow	4			1	1	Littleton 5/4-12	JT	1	Evergreen 5/12	DH				
Song Sparrow						x		2		30	2	2		1
TOTAL SPECIES	239	104	90	50	77	29	10	23	34	47	52	66	43	54

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Whimbrel: Studied for about 1/2 hour by John and Joyce Cooper about 11:00 AM May 3, 1973 at Cherry Creek Reservoir through 25 x 60 Bushnell scope at distances as little as 60 feet. Whimbrel with 2 Long-billed Curlew and 1 Marbled Godwit. Whimbrel distinctly smaller than both; bill all black unlike Curlews which shows considerable flesh color toward base and is more uniformly decurved. Whimbrel grayer than Curlews, particularly in lower parts and has white eye line and medial stripe in nearly dark crown. Wings distinctly longer than tail.

Buff-bellied Sandpiper: Observed by Joyce and John Cooper in flooded field 2 miles east of Idalia Colorado about 4:00 PM, May 11, 1973. Numerous peeps and phalaropes in pond. Buff-breasted Sandpiper on partially dry mud about 40 feet from water and from any other birds. Identified by small size (distinctly smaller than Wilson's Phalaropes) bright buff unmottled face and underparts white eye ring, and light legs. This is the second spring sighting of this species in Colorado.

White-necked Raven: Observed by Joyce and John Cooper several miles east of Akron, Colorado. A Raven flew to a telephone pole ahead of them along the roadside. They stopped the car about 150 feet from the bird, which ruffled its feathers which in combination with a strong breeze gave them a most spectacular view of the snow white base of the neck feathers. They report that this is the best view of the neck feathers they have had despite nearly 25 years of birding in southern Arizona where it was seen almost daily.

Black-throated Green Warbler: A male in full breeding plumage was well seen at close range in Red Rocks Park, May 5, 1973 by Bob Reed, Joyce and John Cooper. The plain green back and crown, unmarked yellow face, black throat and streaks on the sides, white belly and white wing bars were all well seen.

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St. Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please notify the editor if a field trip is cancelled for any reason.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual reports should be mailed during June, July and August as your editor will be out of town most of this time. Remember, if you go on unscheduled field trips submit a report and they will be used as space permits.

PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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SPRING COUNT, SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1973. 11 COUNTS REPORTED (244 SPECIES)

Barr Lake, Vaille Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Mile High Duck Club Lakes. Lois Webster,
Leader. Laurie Chappell, Paul Darby, Yvonne Gibbon, Sue Merrick.

Bonny Reservoir. John and Joyce Cooper, Mark and Tim Cowan, Harold and LaVona Holt, Paul Julian,
Hugh Kingery, Jim Lane, Compiler, W. Les Robinette, Larry Smith, Bob Spencer, Bill Stotz, Doug
Stotz, Nandy Stotz, Zannah Stotz, Zannah Stotz, Jr., Edna Claire and Warren Thomas, Jack and Grace
Welch. (148 Species)

Boulder. Russell Austin, Ruth and Arthur Besemer, Pilk Carter, John and Bayard Cobb, Olive Cobb,
Harry Collum, Sherry Conner, Paula and Allen Crockett, Irene Cruickshank, Robbie Elliott, Mary
and William Garrett, Frances Goff, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, Libby Goodwin, Janet Hagood, Freeman Hall,
Carol and Wendell Haverkamp, Louise Hering, Compiler, Dorothy Hermann, Duncan Himes, Joe and Andy
Kreig, Eleanor MacDonald, Eva McGregor, Elizabeth Mekkelson, Karen Mickey, David and Judith Rear-
ick, Terry Snavelly, Berene Sullivan, Rosemary Trigg, Frostie VanCleave, Tom VanZandt, Art Wain-
wright, Susan Ward, Dick Weppner, Olwen Williams, Grace Wiegman. (147 Species)

Ketring Park, Littleton. Jo Trainor, Observer. (28 Species)

Lower BearCreek, Willow Springs, Lakes of Area, Along foothills to Waterton. Sadie Morrison,
Leader. (Warm and Sunny. 12 hours) Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Phyllis Caswell,
Mary Cornelius, Juanita Craig, Ruth Wheeler. (70 Species)

Park County. (11 hours) Bob and and Nancy Gustafson, Edna Ormsbee. (78 Species)

Pueblo Vicinity. Dave Griffiths, Leader. (191 Species)

Red Rocks Park and Genesee Mountain. Cool, Cloudy to fair, 7½ hours) Don Thatcher, Leader.
Delores and Douglas Gable, Berneice and Paul Merry, Robert Rolander. (52 Species)

Rocky Mountain National Park. Anny Chabas, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Christensen, Ruth Deffenbaugh,
John Douglass, Ramona Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krogh, Marian Patterson, Warner Reeser, Compiler,
Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Staley. (69 Species)

South Park. (Clear and Sunny and Warm. 4 hours) Carol and Fern Hack. (30 Species)

Waterton area and Deer Creek Canyon. (Partly cloudy to clear. 9-3/4 hours) Lynn Willcockson,
Leader. Bob Andrews, Mickey Bidwell, Christine Bonney, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Frances Hames
(Key West, Florida), Ferd Kleinschnitz, Ralph Saggent. (87 Species)

SPRING COUNT

AREA	BARR	BONN	BLDR	KPL	LBC	WSP	PRKC	PUEB	RRP	GENM	RMNP	OSOP	WAT
SPECIES													
Common Loon		3						2					
Horned Grebe			2		2			2					
Eared Grebe	45	9					8	27					1
Western Grebe	16	5	38				29	28					
Pied-billed Grebe	3	2	16		3		2	7					4
White Pelican			6					77					
Double-crested Cormorant	60	2											
Great Blue Heron	68	5	53				4	2					6
<u>Green Heron</u>		2	1					1					±
Snowy Egret			2					3					
Black-crowned Night Heron	5	1	9					2					
<u>Least Bittern</u>			1										
American Bittern		4	2										
White-faced Ibis								2					
Canada Goose		13	204	40	21		3	4					9
Mallard	30	33	76	10	13		41	41			26	17	17
Gadwall	40	10	22		6		7	27					6
Pintail	115	5	2				16	35			2		11
Green-winged Teal		1	10				45	41					6
Blue-winged Teal	34	47	52		5		8	58					8
Cinamon Teal	17		12				12	10					1
American Widgeon	5	5	4		2			71					1
Shoveler	82	54	59	10	20		23	118					9
Wood Duck								1					
Redhead	17	2	4		6		20	26					1
Ring-necked Duck					2			2					
Canvasback	1	3											
Lesser Scaup	25	11	4	1	4		16	30					
Common Goldeneye	1												
Bufflehead							4	2					2
Ruddy Duck	96	17	2		6		10	51					
Common Merganser			4					2			1		
Turkey Vulture		1	5				3	1		1	1	1	1
Goshawk							1				1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2				1	12			1		
Cooper's Hawk		1	3							1			
Red-tailed Hawk	2	2	1				1	7			1	1	1
Swainson's Hawk	5	6						9			1		
Rough-legged Hawk								1					
Ferruginous Hawk			1					6					
Golden Eagle			1					2	1				2

SPECIES

AREA	BARR	BONN	BLDR	KPL	LBC	WSP	PRKC	PUEB	RRP	GENM	RMNP	SOP	WAT
SPECIES													
Gray Flycatcher								5					
Western Flycatcher			1						1				
Empidonax, sp.	2	8	4				1						
Western Wood Pewee	1	1	5		1			7					1
Olive-sided Flycatcher		3											
Horned Lark	9	18			1		43	557					3
Violet-green Swallow			254				16	283	12	2			39
Tree Swallow		7	17		10		12	136			67	30	8
Bank Swallow		8	50					32					
Rough-winged Swallow	2	16	26					282					2
Barn Swallow	38	12	213		12			709				5	10
Cliff Swallow		190	66				45	1807					75
Blue Jay	3	39	3					13					
Steller's Jay			83				1	76	2		71		
Hybrid Jay			1										
Scrub Jay			1		2			8	7				2
Black-billed Magpie	25	28	118	18	25								
Common Raven		1	9				11	28			28	2	
White-necked Raven								3					
Common Crow	1	8	27				12	36	2				3
Pinyon Jay			2					3					
Clark's Nutcracker			27					8			14		
Black-capped Chickadee	8	15	10		1			51	3			3	1
Mountain Chickadee			56				4	54		2	69		
Plain Titmouse								3					
Common Bushtit								8					
White-breasted Nuthatch			10					4		3	6		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	11		1			1			1		
Pygmy Nuthatch			65				3	42		5	78		
Brown Creeper			1					1			1		
Dipper			3								1		
House Wren	10	75	49	2	8			84	1		18		9
Bewick's Wren								5					
Canon Wren			1					1	4				
Rock Wren		1	2					8					
Mockingbird	1	4						15					
Catbird		3	4										
Brown Thrasher	5	34	2					8			1		1
Curve-billed Thrasher								2					
Sage Thrasher								2					
Robin	12	15	167	6	20	8	45	241	14	2	205	8	25
Hermit Thrush	10	3	2		1			6					
Swainson's Thrush	11	292	24	2	1			9					3
Veery			1										
Eastern Bluebird		2											
Western Bluebird								8			2		
Mountain Bluebird			24				30	61			41	5	
Townsend's Solitaire			2					4		2	9		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								20	1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1		21				8	4	4		7		
Water Pipit							14				24		
Loggerhead Shrike	1	2					5	15				4	
Starling	56	152	225	20	8		8	627	10		10		18
Bell's Vireo		4											
<u>Yellow-throated Vireo</u>			<u>1</u>										
Solitary Vireo			9					5					2
Red-eyed Vireo			1										
Warbling Vireo	1	9	1				1	2					
Black and White Warbler	1		1					1					
Worm-eating Warbler		2											
Tennessee Warbler	1	8	4										
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	3	17					18	1				3
Nashville Warbler			4										
Virginia's Warbler			33		6	3		29	13				
Northern Parula(Warbler)								1					
Yellow Warbler		69	43	2	2	1		56			1		6
Magnolia Warbler		2											
Yellow-rumped Warbler	5	24	119	1	7	1	10	238			15	6	37
(Myrtle Warbler)	3	8	28		1		2	31				1	2
(Audubon's Warbler)	2	16	91	1	6	1		207				5	35
Black-throated Gray Warbler								1	2				
Townsend's Warbler		1								1			
<u>Grace's Warbler</u>													
Chesnut-sided Warbler		1											
<u>Blackpoll Warbler</u>	3	8	2										1
Palm Warbler	1												

SPRING COUNT

AREA	BARR	BONN	BLDR	KPL	LBC	WSP	PRKC	PUEB	RRP	GENM	RMNP	SOP	WAT
SPECIES													
Marsh Hawk	1	2	1				2	6					
Osprey		3											
Prairie Falcon							1	3					
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>	2												
American Kestrel(Sp Hawk)	5	2	20		4		9	99			1		3
Blue Grouse									1				
Bobwhite		2						10					
Scaled Quail		3						24					
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	33	1		1			9					1
Chukar	2												
Virginia Rail	2							4					
Sora			1					3					
American Coot	60	150	25	4	30		49	239					2
<u>Piping Plover</u>								1					
Snowy Plover								1					
Killdeer	4	32	15		2		6	78	1		3	2	7
Mountain Plover								2					
Common Snipe	4	1	2		3							3	
Long-billed Curlew								5					
Spotted Sandpiper	12	21	4	1	1		1	27			32		9
Solitary Sandpiper		2											
Willet		1	2		1		4	1					1
Lesser Yellowlegs	10	4						2					1
Pectoral Sandpiper								1					
Baird's Sandpiper	8	13						1					
Least Sandpiper		5						15					
Long-billed Dowitcher	54							21					
Stilt Sandpiper		17											
Semipalmated Sandpiper		7						26					
Western Sandpiper		4	7					1					
Marbled Godwit								1					
Sanderling		16											
American Avocet	51	7	3					44					
Black-necked Stilt								8					
Wilson's Phalarope	282	52	36		8		308	658					3
Northern Phalarope								10					
<u>Pomarine Jaeger</u>								1					
California Gull							2	1					
Ring-billed Gull		5					1	1					
Franklin's Gull		51			2			68			1		
Bonaparte's Gull					2								
Forster's Tern	4	5						6					
Black Tern	20	57											
Band-tailed Pigeon								81					
Rock Dove		4	24		4		2	44	60				
Mourning Dove	48	390	144	2	28	4	4	445	14		29	7	11
Barn Owl		1	4					2					
Screech Owl			1										
Great Horned Owl	2	5	5					14	3				
Burrowing Owl	7	3						46					
Long-eared Owl		2						1					
Poor-will		1	1				1						
Common Nighthawk		3						1			1		
Chimney Swift		1	7					2					
White-throated Swift			31					2	10				2
Black-chinned Hummingbird								1					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			46				4	73	8	2	22	1	4
Belted Kingfisher	4	3	11		22		1	10			1		1
Common Flicker	3	30	64	4	1		2	33	4		32		11
(Yellow-shafted Flicker)		27											
(Red-shafted Flicker)	3	3	64	4	1		2	33	4				11
Red-headed Woodpecker		12						5					
Lewis' Woodpecker			1					13					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker							3				9	3	
Williamson's Sapsucker								1			2		
Hairy Woodpecker		2	15		1			8		1	7		
Downy Woodpecker	3	11	17		3		1	15	4		2	1	5
Ladder-backed Woodpecker								2					
Eastern Kingbird	1	47						14					2
Western Kingbird	10	39	8					426					
Cassin's Kingbird			1					5					
Ash-throated Flycatcher		1						1					
<u>Black Phoebe</u>								1					
Say's Phoebe	1	1	7		3			16	6				1
Traill's Flycatcher		1											
Least Flycatcher		1						3					
Hammond's Flycatcher													1
Dusky Flycatcher								3					

SPRING COUNT													
AREA	BARR	BONN	BLDR	KPL	LBC	WSR	PRKC	PUEB	RRP	GENM	RMNP	SOP	WAT
SPECIES													
Ovenbird	1	2											
Northern Waterthrush		11	5					3					
MacGillivray's Warbler		5	8		2	1		6	2		1		3
Common Yellowthroat	3	65	8	1	4			17					3
Yellow-breasted Chat		4	2					3	6				1
Wilson's Warbler		2	15	4	2			7					1
American Redstart		6	7	1									
House Sparrow	25	39	92	8	8	4	2	618					6
Bobolink		9											
Western Meadowlark	23	145	143	1	12	4	4	512	10				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	200	23	86		22		2	65				2	
Red-winged Blackbird	1200	394	531	1	14		51	674				13	18
Orchard Oriole		27											
Northern Oriole	10,	26	14	2				102	6				2
(Baltimore Oriole)		12			3								
(Bullocks Oriole)	10	14	14	2	3			102	6				2
Brewer's Blackbird	8		95		12		64	206	15		266		13
Common Grackle	120	22	128	6	36		1	573			26		11
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	61	65				26	305	10		54		2
Western Tanager		1	6	1	2			6					2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	2	2					3					1
Black-headed Grosbeak		10	6				1	127	1			1	9
Blue Grosbeak								1					
Indigo Bunting		2						4					
Lazuli Bunting		1	12		2			53	5				6
Evening Grosbeak		3	79	8	20			198			27		
Cassin's Finch													
House Finch		10	75	2	1			189	5		50		2
Pine Grosbeak											1		
Pine Siskin		5	62		1			691		2	3		9
American Goldfinch	6	42	2		100			24					2
Lesser Goldfinch			1					17					
Red Crossbill			20										
Green-tailed Towhee	2		11	1				14	15		23		3
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	5	32		2	2		18	10				6
Brown Towhee								9					
Lark Bunting	800	51	8					660					
Savannah Sparrow	2		3				5	5				5	
Grasshopper Sparrow			4										
Vesper Sparrow	1	2	5		1		1	23	1			6	3
Lark Sparrow	1	117	16					34					1
Sage Sparrow								7					
Dark-eyed Junco											3		
Gray-headed Junco	5		27		4		8	95					
Chipping Sparrow	7	159	208		30		5	237	2		33	4	7
Clay-colored Sparrow	2	437	16					23			1		
Brewer's Sparrow	1	2	13				3	57	1		2		
Harris' Sparrow	2	16	2		4							1	2
White-crowned Sparro	2	32	18		3		1				4	8	2
White-throated Sparrow		2											
Fox Sparrow											3		
Lincoln's Sparrow		11	10	3			2	2				6	3
Song Sparrow	1	1	19		1		4	27	1		4		4
TOTAL SPECIES	244	101	148	147	28	68	11	78	191	43	11	69	100

BREEDING SEASON: JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 1 AMERICAN BIRDS

Contributions should be sent to Lynn Wilcockson, 2698 S. Niagara, Denver, Colorado 80222. For the nesting season, your reports will be most helpful if they include: a. records of unusual breeders and their success-any increase or decrease noted, and reasons if you have any evidence for same. b. Reports of unusual breeders and their success. Don't report a species unless you actually see the nest or fledglings. c. Unusual summer visitors-here record those species present, but which nesting is not proven. d. Numbers of birds or nests, if pertinent-either definite of birds seen or nests found or subjective estimates. e. Specific dates: date arrived date eggs laid, date young hatched or fledged, date departed. Also location if not the usual one. f. Weather data. List in AOU checklist order and lump all categories together: nesting birds, summer visitants. Be sure and use the names according to the AOU Checklist Revision.

CORNELL NESTING RECORDS: Please continue to make observations of nesting birds. Make records of your observations. Nesting cards are available from Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837. Remember, use pencils on the cards. Lots of luck.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: Your Editor will be out of town visiting in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras during the next six or seven weeks. Due to this field trip schedules for July and August are included. Also, the July issue will be received in August.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE = JULY 1973

- July 1 Sunday. Jackson Creek. Merle Barbour, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center. South Logan and Hampden at 7:00 AM. *
- 7 and 8 Overnight trip to Gore Range. Bob Spencer, Leader. Phone: 279-4682. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Red Rocks Exit off I-70, North parking lot at the Geological Point of Interest. Come for the day or weekend. Bring rain gear and warm clothes.
- 8 Sunday. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 AM.
- 14 Saturday. Mt. Evans. (Brown-capped Rosy Finches) Lynn Willcockson, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:30 AM. *
- 15 Sunday. Rocky Mountain National Park. (Possibly Ptarmigan) Meet at the Black Bear Inn, Lyons on U.S. 36 at 7:30 AM. Bring rain gear. Drivers will need Golden Eagle or a day pass. Call Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947 if you need transportation or can drive. *
- 21 Saturday. Eldora and Boulder Creek. Sadie Morrison, and Gail Shickley, Leaders. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 AM. *
- 22 Sunday. South Park. Kathy Hawkins and Carol Hack, Leaders. (Possibly Northern three-toed Woodpecker) Meet at Conoco Station in Jefferson, U.S. 285 at 8:00 AM. *
- 28 and 29 Bonny Dam camping weekend. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Call Sophia 388-4101, X 21 between 8:30 and 5:00. Or meet at Foster Grove Campground at Bonny on Saturday.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - AUGUST 1973

- 4 Saturday. Genesee Park Area. Merle Barbour, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 AM. *
- 5 Sunday. Red Rocks. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 AM.
- 11 and 12 Eads area South of Limon. Camping weekend. Hot! Sophia Bogart, Leader. Call for details. Phone: 388-4101, X 21 between 8:30 and 5:00.
- 18 Saturday. Upper Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. *
- 18 and 19 Red Feather Lakes. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Call 757-0837 for details.
- 25 Saturday. South Park. Joe and Marian Borden, Leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 6:00 AM. *
- 26 Sunday. Evergreen Area. Sylvia and Bill Brockner, Leaders. Meet at the Evergreen Post Office on Colorado 74 at 8:00 AM. *

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NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

JUNE 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- June 2, Saturday. Sloan's Lake to Great Falls, lakes near Loveland to East Lake. David Hutchinson, Leader. (Partly cloudy, warm, 11 hours) Edna Blackhurst, Mary Cornelius, Juanita Craig, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Ruth Wheeler. (85 Species)
- 2-3, Saturday and Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Moderate weather) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Vito Tursi. (Joint with Denver Botanical Gardens) (67 Species)
- 3-9, ~~Three~~ trips during Audubon Convention to Banner Lakes. Paul Rechel, Leader. Dick and Nancy Claus (Wheaton, Illinois), Eric Rechel (Durango), Jennifer Rechel, Barb Till (Durango) (46 Species)
- 6, Wednesday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Margo and Ward Chadwick, Leaders. (Mild and sunny, 6 hours) Merle Barbour, Lorene Berger, Helen Bonnema, Edna Blackhurst, Gene and Harold Brock (Tuscon, Arizona), Laurie Chappell, Juanita Craig, Alice Fleming, Pat Thorsberg, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (42 Species)
- 16, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek to Morrison, Willow Springs Ranch, lakes of the area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Warm, slight breeze, 70-85°, 7 hours) Merle Barbour, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Laurie Chappell, Mary Cornelius, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Jane Newcomb, Mary Jane Schock, Pat Setzke, Robert Spencer, Vito Tursi, Martha Ann Webber. (52 Species)
- 17, Sunday. Lyons, Meadow Park, Rocky Mountain National Park. Sophia Bogart, Leader. (AM, clear and calm; PM, high cumulus clouds, windy, 70's, 8 hours) Christine Bonney, Grace Oakley. (40 species)
- 23, Saturday. Pueblo, Arkansas River, Canon City, Hardscrabble Creek, Temple Canyon. Dave Griffiths, Leader. (Hot, high cumulus clouds, 90's, 9½ hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Bob Spencer. (56 Species)
- 24, Sunday. Barr Lake, Mile High area. Ray Olson, Leader. (Sunny, warm, 6½ hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Mary and J. Fischer. (51 Species)
- 30, Saturday. Waterton and Lower Deer Creek. Bob Reed, Leader. (Clear and hot, 60-90°, 6½ hours) Edna Blackhurst, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Mary Cornelius, Juanita Craig, Viola Hubka, Ruth Wheeler. (49 Species)

MEMBERSHIP: Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. For other types of membership, please contact the Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Whipple, 232 Titan St., Aurora, Colorado 80010. Telephone; 343-9793.

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please note, if a field trip is cancelled for any reason, please notify the editor.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. Please note, if you and a friend(s) go on a trip, send in a report and I'll use them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming.

CORNELL NESTING RECORDS: Nesting record cards are available from Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837. Get your nesting records to Nancy soon!

JUNE	2	2	2-3	3	3-9	6	16	16	17	23	23	24	30
AREA	SLL	GF	PAWH	RREL	BANN	KCR	LBC	WSR	RMNP	PUEB	GPFC	BARR	WDC
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS		MTNS	PLNS	
SPECIES													
Common Loon	1)												
Eared Grebe			6									4	
Western Grebe	61		1		3		1					6	
Pied-billed Grebe	4				12		3						
Double-crested Cormorant					1								
Great Blue Heron	3		1		6							11	2
Black-crowned Night Heron					11							23	
American Bittern					3								
Canada Goose	38				8		20					8	
Mallard	37	13	30		50	4	10	1	2			16	22
Gadwall	1		6		1		2					28	
Pintail	2		12		10		2					18	
Green-winged Teal							3				1	4	
Blue-winged Teal	6		13		20							2	
Cinnamon Teal	2				2							7	
(American) Wigeon			2		4		1					12	
Northern Shoveler	6		30		20							20	
Redhead	17		7		50		23					4	
Canvasback	2												
Lesser Scaup	1												
Common Goldeneye					1 MHDC 6/12 MOS NEW LATE RECORD)								
Ruddy Duck	8		2		20							3	
Common Merganser	2)												
Turkey Vulture			1		1 Kenosha Pass 6/8 DS						1		7
Red-tailed Hawk			1		1	1 Wheatridge 6/11 PR						1	4
Swainson's Hawk	1		4		2							1	
Ferruginous Hawk			1										
Golden Eagle								1					
Marsh Hawk			1		1								
Prairie Falcon			3				2A3I						1
(Sparrow Hawk)Am. Kestrel	20		1				3			5		1	2
Ring-necked Pheasant					6			1					
American Coot	49		1		100		50					41	
Killdeer	3	1	14		10	2	1			6		10	1
Mountain Plover			1										
Common Snipe		1											
Spotted Sandpiper			6			1			2		1	2	1
American Avocet	4		4		5							2	
Black-necked Stilt			2 MHDC 6/12 MOS				2 MHDC 6/14-30 SB						
Wilson's Phalarope	2		1									1	
Northern Phalarope	1												
California Gull	15		1										
Ring-billed Gull	3												
Franklin's Gull	4											14	
Forster's Tern	3				2								
Black Tern					3								
Band-tailed Pigeon			3		2					50			
Rock Dove	170		3		100		30	20		15			1
Mourning Dove	115	49	150		6	12	6					50	65
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					1 Wheatridge 6/10-30 PE								
Great Horned Owl			2		2								
Burrowing Owl			2							2		6	
Long-eared Owl						1							
Poor-will			1							1 Bergen Park 6/19 DS			
Common Nighthawk			6								1		
Chimney Swift	7												
White-throated Swift		11				8		8	2	4			3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1		10			4	2	15	2	1 nest		16
Rufous Hummingbird										1 RMNP 6/30 DS			
Belted Kingfisher							2			1	1		
Red-shafted Flicker	3	1	1	4		2			3	1	1	2	1
Red-headed Woodpecker			6							2			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker									2		1		
Downy Woodpecker									2	1			
Eastern Kingbird	4		6		2					2		6	
Western Kingbird	2	4	30		10	1	1			20		10	3
Cassin's Kingbird										1			
Ash-throated Flycatcher							1						
Say's Phoebe		1	1	2						3			1
Empidonax, Sp.		3			1				3				
Western Flycatcher										2			2
Western Wood Pewee		5	3				2		4		1		1
Olive-sided Flycatcher		3	4										
Horned Lark			300		10	16				12		6	6
Gray Flycatcher							1 Eagle County 6/24 HK				2		

JUNE	2	2-3	3	3-9	6	16	16	17	23	23	24	30	
AREA	SLL	GF	PAWN	RREL	BANN	KCR	LBC	WSR	RMNP	PUEB	GPRC	BARR	WDC
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS		MTNS	PLNS	
SPECIES													
Violet-green Swallow	1	57		12		10	2		4		10		2
Tree Swallow		9							4		10		
Bank Swallow	52		6		2	2						1	
Rough-winged Swallow	30									2			1
Barn Swallow	538	36	50		20	3	6			25		8	55
Cliff Swallow	400	300	36	4		160		40	30	50	1		70
Blue Jay	1		1										
Steller's Jay									1				
Scrub Jay		1		2		1				1			3
Black-billed Magpie	76	33	6	4	20	6	10		2	25	1	10	12
Common Raven		1		2					2		2		
Common Crow	5					4				3			
Black-capped Chickadee		12							2			5	
Mountain Chickadee				7				1	6				
Plain Titmouse										2			
Common Bushtit										3			
Pygmy Nuthatch				4									
Dipper		2											2
House Wren		6	4	2		2	1		4	1		4	38
Canon Wren						4							
Rock Wren			1						2	2			
Mockingbird										1			
Catbird		3	1	2		1	4						
Brown Thrasher					2								
Robin	13	50	2	10		6	6	2	12	15	50	4	20
Swainson's Thrush			12										
Mountain Bluebird		1							2	1	1		
Townsend's Solitaire				1									
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		4								2			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		3		2				1	6				
Water Pipit				12									
Loggerhead Shrike			5							2			
Starling	102	17	12		20	18	30		15	200		8	42
Red-eyed Vireo		3							1				2
Warbling Vireo								4	1				
Orange-crowned Warbler	2 Waterton 6/10 DS NEW LATE RECORD)												
Virginia's Warbler				6						1			
Yellow Warbler	5	32	1	3	2	8	12		9	4		1	26
(Audubon's)Yellow-rumped Warbler				6					2				
Macgillivray's Warbler				1									
Common Yellowthroat	5		2		20	2						2	1
Yellow-breasted Chat		2		4		1				3			16
Wilson's Warbler		1		2					1		100		
American Redstart		6	2										2
House Sparrow	133	6	16		10	15	12	10		50		22	18
Western Meadowlark	63	21	100		20	12	8	2		60		21	54
Yellow-headed Blackbird	126				500		12					16	
Red-winged Blackbird	111	13	10		100	101	20		20	6		38	1
Orchard Oriole					2							2	
Northern Oriole(Bullock's)		6	12	3	2	5	2	8	1	10		14	2
Brewer's Blackbird	10	2				4			1	4	8		16
Common Grackle	71	11	8		6	12	20		1	20		12	18
Brown-headed Cowbird	47	9	1	8		10	15		2	4		2	8
Western Tanager		1		2			2			2			
Black-headed Grosbeak				2			2			6			4
Blue Grosbeak						2							
Indigo Bunting						1							
Lazuli Bunting		10		5		4		4					3
Hybrid Indigo x Lazuli								1					1
Evening Grosbeak				4		1 Wheatridge	6/5 PE						
Cassin's Finch		4							4		12		
House Finch	16			2			12	8		12			2
Pine Siskin		17	4	5		29		8	6				4
American Goldfinch		33	12					3					22
Lesser Goldfinch		14					10	25		4			30
Red Crossbill			5 PNG 6/5 GB				6 Golden 6/14 RS						
Green-tailed Towhee								2					
Rufous-sided Towhee		1		10		3		4		13			2
Brown Towhee										3			
Lark Bunting			300		100					50		2	3
Vesper Sparrow			4			4							14
Lark Sparrow			30							50		1	
Gray-headed Junco				6							2		
Chipping Sparrow		9		2		6			3	25			

JUNE	2	2	2-3	3	3-9	6	16	16	17	23	23	24	30
AREA	SLI	GF	PAWN	RREL	BANN	KCR	LBC	WSR	RMNP	PUEB	GPRC	BARR	WDC
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS		MTNS	PLNS	

SPECIES

Clay-colored Sparrow			20											
White-crowned Sparrow				5		3	1	Parker	6/7	MOS		100		
Fox Sparrow												10		
Song Sparrow		6			10	3			2	3			2	
McCown's Longspur			52											
Chestnut-collared Longspur			20											
TOTAL SPECIES	151	52	50	67	37	46	42	38	22	40	56	23	51	49

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: Goran Blomberg, Sophia Bogart, Paul Rachel, Mildred O. Snyder, Robert Spencer, Doug Stotz, Patty Echelmeyer, Hugh Kingery.

~~ASH~~THROATED FLYCATCHER: On the June 16 field trip, Sadie Morrison reports that they observed an Ash-throated Flycatcher near Little Turkey Creek at Hampden Ave. Approximately 3:30 P.M. we were checking birds at Mrs. Peiffer's feeding station (floor of patio with no roof over it). Suddenly a bird flew in from a nearby brushy thicket and landed on the telephone wire (attached to the house). It was in full sunlight. We could see the entire, back and side of its head as well as the throat and breast. It perched on the wire for some time, giving us ample time to see the prominent wing bars and markings on the back. The throat was light, the breast creamy yellow. Just before it flew away, it fanned out its tail, showing a bright cinnamon brown color. It then flew to another thicket where it could be seen moving about in the weeds and brush. As to size, it appeared to be almost as large as a Western Kingbird. It was viewed from a distance of about 75 feet with 7 x 50 binoculars and was seen by many members of the field trip.

RED CROSSBILLS IN PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND DURING JUNE: Goran Blomberg reports: On June 5, 1973 at 3:15 P.M. DMT, on the Pawnee National Grassland, I positively identified 5 Red Crossbills. Two were males (red plumage) and the others were females or immatures or both. I watched them with 7 x 35 binoculars long enough to see crossed tips of the mandibles, perhaps 30 feet from a Chinese Elm in which they had alighted. The exact location is T 10 N, R 65 W, SW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20 in Weld County.

PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CLUB TELESCOPE NOTICE: It has been suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope on field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15-60 x 60. Call Don Thatcher, 457-7479 for help in locating the scope. Please keep Don Thatcher informed of the whereabouts of the telescope at all times.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Mrs. Janet Sherwood, 990 S. Jackson, Denver, Colorado 80210

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Dr. John H. Ball, 12795 E. 13th Ave., Aurora, Colorado 80011
Albert Koewing, 303 Harlan St., Lakewood, Colorado 80226

We regret to announce the death of a long time DFO member, Mrs. Edith D. Schmechel was buried July 18, 1973.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: A pair of Black-necked Stilts were observed June 12, 1973 by Mildred O. Snyder. On June 14, 1973 Sophia Bogart reports: A pair of Blacknecked Stilts were in residence in one of the MileHigh Duck Club ponds off of Bromley Lane. Both were in full breeding color and seemed to have set up a nesting territory on the mudflat to the left of the dike despite some harassment by the Avocets who were also in residence. Display by the male involved a fluttering of wings and continuous calls somewhat softer than reminiscent of the avocet. By the end of June the left hand mud flat was definitely theirs although during the early visits they had also occasionally settled on the right hand mud flats. On the last visit over July 4th the stilts had gone as the pond had flooded the mud flats with 6-10 inches of water. They were in residence from June 12-July 4, 1973.

Mildred O. Snyder reports an early Empidonax in her yard in Aurora 7/31. She also reports Violet-green Swallows nesting in a bluebird box at Franktown where she banded 3 young 7/26.

JULY	1	7-8	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	29
AREA	JC	BBNA	RRP	MESM	RMNP	CCCE	CPWA	BONN	BONN	ANT
HABITAT		MTNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS		PLNS	PLNS	PENS
SPECIES										
Common Nighthawk						1	1	12	12	2
White-throated Swift	1		12							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	7	1	12	8	25	6			
Rufous Hummingbird				2	1	3				
Calliope Hummingbird										
Rivoli's Hummingbird										
Belted Kingfisher	2					1			1	
Common Flicker			3		4	3	4	4	13	
Red-headed Woodpecker								18	12	
Lewis' Woodpecker							4			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		2		1	4					
Williamson's Sapsucker		1								
Hairy Woodpecker					3	5				
Downy Woodpecker			2	2		3		3	5	
Eastern Kingbird	7							37	43	
Western Kingbird								38	44	
Say's Phoebe			1							
Empidonax, Sp	1 Aurora 7/31 MOS				1	1	2	1		
Dusky Flycatcher		3								
Western Flycatcher					2	1				
Western Wood Pewee		2		1	6	3		3		
Olive-sided Flycatcher									1	
Horned Lark	1				2				5	
Violet-green Swallow	2	2	8	3	30	12	4 Franktown 7/26 MOS			
Tree Swallow		2			18	35				
Rough-winged Swallow							8	8	6	
Barn Swallow	3						4	4		
Cliff Swallow			67				1			
Gray Jay		1								
Blue Jay								20	75	
Steller's Jay				3	2	9	2			
Scrub Jay	5		2 nest 3 eggs							
Black-billed Magpie	9		2		5	3	12		2	
Common Raven		2			1	1	1			
Common Crow				2				2	4	
Clark's Nutcracker				4	14	2				
Black-capped Chickadee	1		11					19	21	
Mountain Chickadee				2	2	2				
White-breasted Nuthatch				1		2	1			
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1				
Pygmy Nuthatch				2	1					
Dipper						3				
House Wren	1	2	3		5	4		26	60	
Canon Wren			3							
Rock Wren							1			
Catbird	3		6					1		
Brown Thrasher										
Robin	9	22	6	7	9	14	20	25	1	
Hermit's Thrush		1		3						
Mountain Bluebird				6	13	5	20			
Townsend's Solitaire					1	1				
Eastern Bluebird									1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		12			2	2	2			
Water Pipit				3	16					
Bell's Vireo								1		
Starling	11							20		
Warbling Vireo		2	1		2	4			3	
Black and white Warbler								1		
Virginia's Warbler			1				4			
Yellow Warbler	3		4							
(Audubon's)Yellow-r. Warbler		2			1		10			
Macgillivray's Warbler					1	8				
Common Yellowthroat	2							38	5	
Yellow-breasted Chat	2		6				4			
Wilson's Warbler		18			5	4				
House Sparrow								90		
Western Meadowlark	9		4				6	23	21	
Yellow-headed Blackbird								40		
Red-winged Blackbird	5					6	3	182		
Orchard Oriole								38	18	
Northern Oriole (Baltimore)								1		
Northern Oriole (Bullock's)	1		4					7	10	
Brewer's Blackbird					1		2			
Common Grackle	11							48	1	

JULY 1, Sunday. Jackson Creek. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. (Sunny, very warm, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours) Tom and Virginia Faxon, Lillian and Randolph McDonough, Arnold and Paul Silverman. (35 Species)

7-8, Saturday and Sunday. Bailey Bird Nesting Area, Rock Creek. Robert Spencer, Leader. (Warm, rain PMS, 13 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Jim and Shirley Spencer. (25 Species)

8, Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Hot, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours) Ed Arenson, Kay and Maurice Murray, Ruth, John and Russell. (30 Species)

14, Saturday. Echolake, Summit Lake, Squaw Mountain area. Lynn Willcockson, Leader. (Sleet above 11,500 feet, rain and mist below, 8 hours) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Robert Rydbeck (Lund, Sweden) (24 Species)

15, Sunday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Libby Goodwin, Leader. (Sunny, turning to rain and snow, gusty winds. 40-60°, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Ruth Deffenbaugh, Vi Hubka, Dan and Kathy McCamman, Sadie Morrison, Mike Moulton, Pete Moulton, Mark Phillips (Ann Arbor, Michigan), Ruth and Warner Reeser, Robert Rydbeck (Lund, Sweden) (39 Species)

21, Saturday. Cole Creek Canyon to Eldora and along Middle Boulder Creek near Eldora. Sadie Morrison, and Gail Shickley, Leaders. (AM, cloudy to clearing; late PM, thundershowers, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours) Edna Blackhurst, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Margaret Denney, Vi Hubka, Fran Marye, Cecily Mellor, Ray Olson, Lulita Prichett, Shirley and Bob Spencer, Helen Stiles, Ruth Wheeler. (42 Species)

22, Sunday. Scheduled trip canceled due to road washouts and weather conditions.

22, Sunday. Cherokee Park State Wildlife Area (NW of Ft. Collins) Jennifer and Paul Rechel, Observers. (34 Species)

28-29 Sunday and Sunday. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Bonny Dam, Anton. (High cumulus clouds, 90's, 10-20 mph wind, Sunday PM, showers, 80's) Christine Bonney, Hugh Kingery. (76 Species)

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JULY	1	7-8	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	29
AREA	JC	BBNA	RRP	MESM	RMNP	CCCE	CPWA	BNNN	BONN	ANT
HABITAT		MTNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS		PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
SPECIES										
Brown-headed Cowbird	10	1	5			1		2		
Western Tanager				1	1	1				
Black-headed Grosbeak	1		5		1			2		
Blue Grosbeak								3	3	
Indigo Bunting	2			1 So. of Parker 7/12 MOS				1		
Lazuli Bunting	2		5				1	1		
Hybrid Indigo x Lazuli			1							
Dickcissel								27	12	
Cassin's Finch				3		17				
Pine Grosbeak					1					
Brown-capped Rosy Finch				6	6					
Pine Siskin		45			8	1	6	1		
American Goldfinch	2						10	11	14	
Lesser Goldfinch	1		2				4			
Green-tailed Towhee	3		1	2	1	16	4			
Rufous-sided Towhee	2		12				12			
Lark Bunting								4	19	
Grasshopper Sparrow								21	14	
Vesper Sparrow				2						
Lark Sparrow								25	10	
Cassin's Sparrow								10	6	
Gray-headed Junco		3		4	10	7	2			
Chipping Sparrow				4	2		1	1		
White-crowned Sparrow		15		2	10	3				
Lincoln's Sparrow		18			4	4				
Song Sparrow	1	2				2	1			
TOTAL SPECIES 134	35	25	30	24	39	42	33	59	42	10

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Dr. Alfred Bailey, Sophia Bogart, Ward Chadwick, Patty Echelmeyer, Mildred O. Snyder, Doug Stotz.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 1973

- September 1 Saturday. Deer Creek. Merle Barbour, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center, South Logan and Hampden, at 7:00 AM. *
- 2 Sunday. No Scheduled Trip.
- 8 Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. *
- 9 Sunday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Ray Olson, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. *
- 8-9 Saturday and Sunday. CFO FIELD TRIP DAYS in Pueblo area. For information contact Dave Griffiths, 17 Solar Dr., Pueblo, Colorado 81005 or Jack Reddall, 771-5308.
- 15 Saturday. Third Annual Fall Count in the BBHMP triangle. Five parties will census this area which includes Barr Lake, Banner Lakes, Horsecreek Reservoir, Mile High Lakes and Prospect Reservoir. This is an important watershed for waterbirds. Contact leaders for information. Reports should be sent to the editor.
1. Barr Lake. Lois Webster. 364-0301
 2. Banner Lakes. Sophia Bogart. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM.
 3. Horsecreek Reservoir. Hugh Kingery. 733-0351.
 4. Mile High, Vaille and Plains. John Cooper. 237-4855
 5. Prospect Reservoir. Paul Julian. 499-9107
- Bring lunch, energy snacks, lots of liquids and insect repellent. *
- 16 Sunday. $\frac{1}{2}$ Day trip. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Kathy Hawkins, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 AM.
- 22 Saturday. Waterton and Roxborough area. Bob Reed, Leader. Meet at Waterton Bridge at 8:00 AM. *

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 1973 CONTINUED

- September 23 Sunday. Blue River, Summit County. Hugh Kingery, Leader. Meet at Meadowlark Shopping Center, 6th and Garrison at 7:00 AM for car pool, no leader there, or meet at the Old Dillon Inn in Silverthorne at 8:15 AM. Bring portable lunch.
- 29 Saturday. Red Rocks and Foothills. Bob Spencer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. *
- 30 Sunday. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. Ken Caryl Ranch. Ward Chadwick, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 AM. Bring a lunch if you like.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 2, 1973
"The Raptor Rehabilitation Center"
a slide lecture
by
Mr. Kenneth E. Mesch

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New Auditorium - west side)

AUGUST 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- AUGUST 3-5 White River Plateau (10,000-11,000 feet elevation, cool, clear to stormy) Jennifer, Kathryn and Paul Rechel. (29 Species)
- 4 Saturday. Genesee Mountain, Red Rocks Park, Morrison Park. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. (Sunny, AM, Cloudy PM, 8½ hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Ron Lestina, Edie Trimmer, Ruth Wheeler. (32 Species)
- 5 Sunday. Red Rocks, Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, warm, 4 hours) Virginia Faxon, Tracy Mumey, Robert Rolander, Edie Trimmer. (29 Species)
- 11,12 Saturday and Sunday. Eads Lakes. Sophia Bogart, Leader. (High 90's, PM thunder showers, 15 hours) (33 Species)
- 14-17 Saguache Park, LaGarita Wilderness Area. (Warm, dry, 9300-11,000 feet elevation) Eric, Jennifer, Kathryn and Paul Rechel. (39 Species)
- 18 Guanella Pass. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Fair, warm, 8 hours) Merle Barbour, Hope Leighton, Helen Stiles. (20 Species)
- 18 Saturday. Kendrick Reservoir to Morrison, Bear Creek Road to Evergreen, Upper Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Warm, cloud cover most of the day, 7½ hours) Merle Barbour, Dan Butler (New Jersey), Vi Hubka, Ruth Wheeler. (43 Species)
- 18-19 Saturday and Sunday. Red Feather Lakes. Sophia Bogart and Dr. Gus Swanson, Leaders. (Saturday, cloudy; Sunday, clear, high 80's) Ruth Anderson, Verna Akers, Christine Bonney, Kathy Morissette, Mary Stenzel, Mrs. Swanson, Edie Trimmer. (41 Species)
- 25 Saturday. Grant, Kenosha Pass, South Park. Joe and Marion Borden, Leaders. (Clear, warm, 7½ hours) Merle Barbour, Edna Blackhurst, Christine Bonney, John and Joyce Cooper, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Ruth Wheeler. (30 Species)
- 26 Sunday. Evergreen and Vicinity. Sylvia and Winston William Brockner, Leaders. (Clear, 47°-82°) Merle Barbour, John and Joyce Cooper, Mary Cornelius, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Viola Hubka, Cicely Mellor, Ray Olson. (32 Species)
- 29 Wednesday. Ken Caryl Ranch. (Clear and Warm, 6 hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Ellie Walker. (35 Species)

MEMBERSHIP: Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. For other types of membership, please contact the Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Whipple, 232 Titan St., Aurora, Colorado 80010. Telephone: 343-9793.

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please note, if a field trip is cancelled for any reason, please notify the editor.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a trip, send in a report and I'll use them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as some species are missed each month on the regularly scheduled trips, often rather common ones.

AUGUST	3-5	4	5	11-12	14-17	18	18	18	18-19	25	26	29
AREA	WRP	GRRM	RRP	EL	LGWA	LBC	UBC	GUAN	RFL	BSP	EVG	KCR
HABITAT	MTNS		FOOT	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS		MTNS	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS	FOOT
SPECIES												
Western Grebe				3					4			
Pied-billed Grebe						1			20	Banner L. 8/31	PJR	
Great Blue Heron				12						6	Banner L. 8/31	PJR
Black-crowned Night Heron									20	Banner L. 8/31	PJR	
American Bittern									1	Banner L. 8/31	PJR	
Canada Goose						3						
Mallard	3			7	2	14	12	2	51	2		7
Green-winged Teal	15											
Blue-winged Teal									3	20	Banner L. 8/31	PJR
Redhead									2			
Hooded Merganser									4			
Turkey Vulture		1					1		1		6	
Goshawk								1				
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1	1
Cooper's Hawk			2	Elbert 8/20	DH			1			1	
Red-tailed Hawk			1				2					1
Swainson's Hawk			2						2	Banner L. 8/31	PJR	
Golden Eagle			1	Kiowa 8/19	DH							
Marsh Hawk			2	1				1				
Prairie Falcon									2	Bonney Res. 8/25	DH	
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>			1	Tower Rd. 8/16	SB, CB							
American Kestrel	1			4		2	1			1		12
Blue Grouse									1	Lookout Mtn. 8/25	RS	
Ring-necked Pheasant									2	Bonney Res. 8/25	DH	
Sora			1	Bowmar 8/17	JC							
American Coot			3			25				8		
Long-billed Curlew			17									
Spotted Sandpiper	20		1	3					4			
Solitary Sandpiper		1	Longmont 8/9	AS					2	2	Banner L. 8/31	PJR
Greater Yellowlegs			4									
Lesser Yellowlegs												1
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher</u>			1	112th and Chambers Rd. 8/11	HH, LH, JR	Third State Record						
California Gull			4	Newell L. 8/15	DH							
Ring-billed Gull			3	Wheatridge 8/26	1	Banner L. 8/31	PJR					
Franklin's Gull			215									
Black Tern			5									
Band-tailed Pigeon							8					8
Rock Dove			10				10					5
Mourning Dove		1	2	23	2	15	10			1	1	10
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			2									
Barn Owl	1	immature	Longmont 8/1	Banded	RE							
Great Horned Owl									2		1	
Pygmy Owl										1		
Burrowing Owl												5
Poor-will									2	Lookour Mtn. 8/25	RS	
Common Nighthawk				3	3				3			
White-throated Swift		45	5			15						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5	9			6	2	13	12	2	2	1	
Rufous Hummingbird						1					2	
Belted Kingfisher							1	1				
Common Flicker	6	3	4	2	8	2	1				1	1
Red-headed Woodpecker									1	Bonney Res. 8/25	DH	
Williamson's Sapsucker		1		2								
Hairy Woodpecker								1	1	1	2	
Downy Woodpecker											1	
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker			1	South Park 8/12	PE			1	1	2		
Eastern Kingbird			13									
Western Kingbird			33									15
<u>Eastern Phoebe</u>			2	Vaille Res. 8/11	HH, LH, JR	2	W. of Loveland 8/15, 8/18					
Say's Phoebe								2		1		5
Empidonax, Sp.	1											
Least Flycatcher									1	Longmont 8/31	AC Banded	
<u>Dusky Flycatcher</u>									1	Longmont 8/31	AC Banded	
Western Flycatcher			1	Longmont 8/31	AC Banded	3			1			
Western Wood Pewee		3			12		4		3	3		
Olive-sided Flycatcher				1						3		
Horned Lark	20			4	50					1		
Violet-green Swallow	50	2	6		6		12		6	1		
Tree Swallow	50								26	1		
Bank Swallow							1					
Barn Swallow			2	16		20	10		9	3	6	
Cliff Swallow	20		14	1	50					8		
Gray Jay	2							5	3	2		

AUGUST	3-5	4	5	11-12	14-17	18	18	18	18-19	25	26	29	
AREA	WRP	GRRM	RRP	EL	LGWA	LBC	UBC	GUAN	RFL	BSP	EVG	KCR	
HABITAT	MTNS		FOOT	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS	FOOT	
Blue Jay		2 Wheatridge All month PJR											
Steller's Jay		4			8		7	2	3	1	2		
Scrub Jay		2	2									2	
Black-billed Magpie		2	4	3			3	3		2	2	3	
Common Raven	2	1							2	2			
Common Crow		10		4				50				2	
Clark's Nutcracker									3				
Black-capped Chickadee		4	1										
Mountain Chickadee	6	24			10		15	12	14	3	5		
White-breasted Nuthatch		15					1		3		1		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		5		1 Elbert 8/19-25 DH								1	
Pygmy Nuthatch		20					1		8		4		
Brown Creeper				2 Lookout Mtn. 8/25 RS									
Dipper	10				8								
House Wren		5		3			3		2	5	1		
Canon Wren			3									2	
Rock Wren					1						1		
Gray Catbird			2										
Brown Thrasher				2									
Sage Thrasher												8	
American Robin	8	12	29		12	1	5	3	1	15	4	4	
Hermit Thrush	2				5								
Mountain Bluebird	20	10			20			8	2	25		10	
Townsend's Solitaire									1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6				2		12		5	(1 Lakewood 8/30 JC			
Water Pipit	20				10								
Loggerhead Shrike				3					1			2	
Starling										1		50	
Solitary Vireo											1		
Red-eyed Vireo											1		
Warbling Vireo									2				
Black-and-White Warbler								(1 female Longmont 8/30 AC					
Orange-crowned Warbler								(1 Longmont 8/31 AC					
Virginia's Warbler			1				2					1	
Yellow Warbler		1			1	4	Wheatridge All month PJR						
Yellow-rumped Warbler		5					6		1	3			
MacGillivray's Warbler											1		
Common Yellowthroat				6-10 Wheatridge All month PJR									
Yellow-breasted Chat			3										
Wilson's Warbler	4				3		1	2	1	1	1	1	
House Sparrow						4	6						
Western Meadowlark			3	8								10	
Yellow-headed Blackbird				3									
Red-winged Blackbird				103			2		35	3			
Orchard Oriole				1									
Northern Oriole(Bullock's)			10		2								
Brewer's Blackbird								10	6	15			
Brown-headed Cowbird												10	
Western Tanager		3								1			
Black-headed Grosbeak			9					1 Indian Hills 8/18 RS					
Blue Grosbeak								4(family group) Waterton 8/18 JC					
Townsend's Warbler	1	Wheatridge 8/31 PE											
Lazuli Bunting			5				10					1	
Evening Grosbeak		8	6		1 Golden 8/16 RS								
Cassin's Finch	5	1											
House Finch			11					3					
Pine Grosbeak	8				3								
Pine Siskin	20	22	4		6		8			12		15	
American Goldfinch					6 W. of Loveland 8/18 DH								
Lesser Goldfinch		9	3				3				18	5	
Red Crossbill		3			3		18						
Green-tailed Towhee			1		12		2		1		2	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee			14						10				
Lark Bunting				150	1								
Savannah Sparrow	2				6	5-10 Elbert 8/19-25 DH							
Vesper Sparrow					3-6 Elbert 8/19-25 DH								
Lark Sparrow		3		16							1	15	
Dark-eyed Junco												10	
Gray-headed Junco	4	21			3		30		12	30	9		
Chipping Sparrow		8	25				30		3	1	16		
Brewer's Sparrow					4								
White-crowned Sparrow	20											4	
Lincoln's Sparrow	3							1					
Song Sparrow			1		8					1	4		
TOTAL SPECIES	148	29	32	29	33	39	13	38	20	41	36	32	35

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(First Arrival on the Denver Area Plains

INDIVIDUAL OBSERVERS: Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Allegra Collister, Richard Esposito, Harold Holt, LaVona Holt, David Hutchinson, Jennifer Rechel, Paul Rechel, Jack Reddall, Robert Spencer, Patty Echelmeyer.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: Harold Holt reports the third state record of this species. Harold and LaVona Holt and Jack Reddall observed and photographed a Short-billed Dowitcher at 112th Ave. and Chambers Rd. Photographs were taken as close as twenty-nine feet. The bird was identified by the call and the photographs.

LARGE HUMMINGBIRD: Mildred O. Snyder reports that a big humming bird was reported to her at a location $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Franktown. It was seen several times on August 22, and once August 23. It was observed again on the morning of August 30. Outstanding features reported were its size in comparison to the Broad-tailed Hummingbird and the size of its bill. It was reported to be as large as 3 times as big as a Broad-tailed Hummingbird. Mildred points out that because of the number of sightings of large hummingbirds that it would be appropriate to list the places sightings were made. Other reports have been at about 8000 feet while the Franktown sightings are in the Transition Zone at an altitude of 6200 feet.

LARK BUNTING AT 9850 FEET: Paul Rechel reports that he and his family observed a male Lark Bunting on August 15, 1973 on Tarbel Mesa, Saguache County, elevation 9850 feet. He reports that this was an unusual observation. The site was on the drainage of Middle Saguache Creek, about 2 miles below the LaGarita Wilderness Area boundary. It was the afternoon of August 15, 1973, bright and sunny. We were driving across the small mesa through mixed grass and rabbit brush with widely scattered sage when my daughter, Jennifer and I both observed the male Lark Bunting fly across in front of the pickup. He landed in typical Bunting fashion on top of a clump of rabbit brush about 25-30 yards away and we both were able to observe him with binoculars for about 5 minutes before he flew away.

CORNELL NESTING RECORDS: Bring nest record cards to the September meeting or mail them to Nancy Hurley as soon as possible. Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210.

NEW DFO OFFICERS TO TAKE OFFICE SEPTEMBER 25, 1973:

President:	Jack Reddall
Vice-president:	Thompson Marsh
Recording secretary:	Vi Hubka
Corresponding secretary:	Ruth Wheeler
Treasurer:	Kathryn Whipple
Board Members:	Patty Echelmeyer
	Harold Holt

PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver, Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CLUB TELESCOPE: It has been suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope on field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15 x 15-60. Call Don Thatcher, 457-7479 for help in locating the scope. Please keep Don Thatcher informed of the whereabouts of the telescope at all times.

We regret to announce the death of a long time DFO member, Mr. Ferd Kleinschnitz died August 4, 1973

RARE BIRD ALERT: Don't forget to inform your rare-bird-alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Dorothy M. Bailey, 1350 Columbine St., Denver, Colorado 80206
Mrs. Jean Herron, 2020 Albion St., Denver, Colorado 80207
J. Howard Hoffer, 1575 Cook St., Denver, Colorado 80206
Robert Rolander, 7248 W. Cedar Circle, Denver, Colorado 80226
Mrs. Wayne Wessen, 8823 E. Davies Ave., Englewood, Colorado 80110

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE-- OCTOBER 1973

- October
- 6 Saturday. Sloan's Lake and areas in Jefferson County. Paul Rechel, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip, bring lunch if you wish.
 - 7 Sunday. Barr Lake. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 8:00 AM. *
 - 13 Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. *
 - 14 Sunday. Waterton. Jean White, Leader. Beginners welcome. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center, E. Hampden and S. Logan. at 1:00 PM.
 - 20 Saturday. Lower Bear Creek area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 AM. *
 - 21 Sunday. Sloan's Lake and Red Rocks. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. $\frac{1}{2}$ Day trip.
 - 27 Saturday. Lakes North and West of town. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. *
 - 28 Sunday. Bowmar Area. Jo Trainor, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 AM. $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Trip.
- * BRING LUNCH



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 23, 1973
"Birds of Galapagos Islands"
by
Dr. Robert McDowell

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

SEPTEMBER 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- September 1, Saturday. Deer Creek and Tintown. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. (Sunny, pleasant, 7½ hours) Edna Blackhurst, Christine Bonney, Margaret Denney, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Ruth Wheeler. (30 Species)
- 2, Sunday. No Scheduled Trip.
- 8, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Fair, Moderate, 7 hours) Hazel Kellogg, Cecily Mellor, Dorothy and Leon Miller. (33 Species)
- 9, Sunday, Barr Lake and Mile High Duck Club Lakes. Ray Olson, Leader. (AM, overcast, moist, cool; PM, sky clearing and warm, 8 hours) Jack Reddall. (69 Species)
- 8-9, Saturday and Sunday. Pueblo area, Lake DeWeese, Ordway, CFI. Dave Griffiths, leader. (Saturday, hot, cloudy, AM; clear PM; Sunday, foggy, drizzle, Saturday, 8 hours; Sunday, 5 hours) Bill Anderson, Merle Barbour, Bart and Ellen Bartol, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Babbette Cranson, Sam Gadd, Martha Gildstein, Dave Laliberte, Jane Newcomb, Alice and Leonard Onsgard, Helen Thurlow. (89 Species)
- 15, Saturday. Third Annual Fall Count. Barr Lake, Banner Lakes, Horse Creek Reservoir, Mile High, Prospect Reservoir. (40-50°, cold, rainy, foggy, low overcast, weather terrible)
- Banner Lakes. Bob Reed, Leader. (8 hours) Christine Bonney. (49 Species)
- Barr Lake, Tower Road. Lois Webster, leader. (10 hours) Bob Andrews, Laurie Chappell, David Hattan, Sue Merrick. (71 Species)
- Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. Bob Buttery, John and Joyce Cooper, Warren Finch, LaVona Holt, Steve Larson, Mary Jane Schock, Karl Stetcher. (79 Species)
- Horse Creek Reservoir. David Hutchinson, Leader. (8½ hours) Douglas Stotz. (67 Species)
- Prospect Reservoir. Paul Julian, Leader. (8 hours) Jack Reddall. (72 Species)
- 16, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Kathy Hawkins, Leader. (Foggy, cold, 4½ hours) Mary Cornelius. (31 Species)
- 22, Saturday. Waterton and Roxborough. Bob Reed, Leader. (High stratus clouds, warm, 70s, wind 10 mph, 7 hours) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Laurie Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Hugh Kingery, Jane Newcomb, Ruth Wheeler. (58 Species)
- 23, Sunday. Summit County: Willow Creek Trail, Blue River, Spring Creek Ranch, Hugh Kingery, Leader. (Partly cloudy, 8½ hours) Doris Anderson, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Katherine Stromeyer, Edie Trimmer. (32 Species)
- 23, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Cloudy, moderate, 4 hours) Peter Gorman, Lois Webster. (31 Species)
- 29, Saturday. Lookout Mountain, Red Rocks, Morrison Park. Robert Spencer, Leader. (Overcast, cool, rain, 7 hours) Helen Bonnema, Juanita Craig, Ruth Wheeler. (25 Species)
- 30, Sunday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Margo and Ward Chadwick, Leaders. (Clear and warm, 5 hours) Merle Barbour, Bob Glover. (28 Species)
- 29-30, Saturday and Sunday. Berthoud Pass, Middle Park, Grandby Reservoir. (Snow, rain, cloudy, Saturday; Clear, sunny Sunday. (14 hours) David, Jeff and Karen Hutchinson. (53 Species)

SEPTEMBER	1	8	8	9	9	15	16	22	23	23	29	30	29/30
AREA	DCT	PUEB	PAWN	BARR	PUEB	APC	CCRA	WATR	SUMM	PAWN	RRLM	KCR	MPGR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS
SPECIES													
<u>Common Loon</u>						(1	<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>						
Horned Grebe						2							
Eared Grebe				3		6							
Western Grebe				71		149	5						
Pied-billed Grebe		7	2	28		31			1	5	Wheatridge 9/30 PR		
White Pelican				1		1)							
Double-crested Cormorant				58		119							
Great Blue Heron		9	7	47	8	83			1	Wheatridge 9/30 PR			1
Great Egret				2		1)							
Snowy Egret				24		45)							
Black-crowned Night Heron				31		120)							
American Bittern				1									
White-faced Ibis		1											
Canada Goose		5		7		77							
Mallard		4		161	8	2446	36	8				9	3
Gadwall		2		22		97	7						
Pintail		20		12		243							
Green-winged Teal		30		26	20	193		7				6	
Blue-winged Teal		6			95	387							2
American Wigeon		2		10		343							
Northern Shoveler		4		38		86	33						
Redhead				3		4	7						
Common Goldeneye					1								
Ruddy Duck		6		8		113	11						
Common Merganser									3				
Turkey Vulture		16		1									1
Goshawk		1	Evergreen 9/1-2 DS						1 imm. Evergreen 9/29 DS				1
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1	1							
Cooper's Hawk		1						1					1
Red-tailed Hawk			3			5		3	3	2			1
Swainson's Hawk		2			3	19				2			
Ferruginous Hawk			2			2				1			
Golden Eagle						1			1				1
Marsh Hawk		2	2	2	2	19				2			
Prairie Falcon		1	Golden Gate State Park			2	9/23 PR			1			
<u>Merlin</u>			(2	<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>									
American Kestrel		11	12	7	2	71	2	12	12	2		8	12
Blue Grouse											1		
Scaled Quail			35										
Ring-necked Pheasant				4		5				1			
Sandhill Crane		5	Barr 9/5 RO, SE	3		3		1	South Park 9/23 KH, CH, FH				
Virginia Rail					1	4							
Sora						3							
American Coot		10		50	100	866	109						
Semipalmated Plover		1		6	2								
Killdeer		34		2	37	25	219	29	2	5			2
Mountain Plover		11		9)									
Black-bellied Plover					1	2		1	CCRA 9/22 RS				
Common Snipe		16				72		1				1	
Long-billed Curlew		1											
Spotted Sandpiper		1		3	1	5	1						
Solitary Sandpiper				3		5							
Greater Yellowlegs			4		14	4							
Lesser Yellowlegs		2		26	2	113		4	CCRA 9/22 RS				
<u>Knot</u>		1	Tower Rd. pond 9/3 LW	1		1							
Pectoral Sandpiper						9			3	Tower Rd. pond 9/30 LW			
White-rumped Sandpiper						1							
Baird's Sandpiper		20		20	6	90							
Least Sandpiper		6		8		28							
Long-billed Dowitcher				3		28		1					
Semipalmated Sandpiper								8	2	CCRA 9/22 RS			
Western Sandpiper		14		6				5	CCRA 9/22 RS				
Marbled Godwit						2							
Sanderling				6		9							
American Avocet		13		5		33	3			1			
Wilson's Phalarope		9		9	10	3				2			
Northern Phalarope		2	Tower Rd. pond 9/5RO,SE	2		3	1	Tower Rd. pond 9/20 MS	1	CCRA 9/22 RS			
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>								1	1	CCRA 9/16-24 Many Observers			
<u>Herring Gull</u>		1	MHDC 9/3 DS	<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>									
California Gull				70		58	5						
Ring-billed Gull		2		50	12	142	25		3				17
Franklin's Gull				80	200	1135			100				
Bonaparte's Gull									1	CCRA 9/22 RS			

SEPTEMBER	1	8	8	9	9	15	16	22	23	23	29	30	29/30
AREA	DCT	PUEB	PAWN	BARR	PUEB	AFC	CCRA	WATR	SUMM	PAWN	RRLM	KCR	MPGR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	
SPECIES													
Sabine's Gull		2						1 CCRA 9/22 RS					
Forster's Tern		2				2							
Black Tern		2			6	4 Tower Rd. pond 9/5 RO,SE							
Band-tailed Pigeon	8	18											3
Rock Dove	9					33					84		8
Mourning Dove	7	78	100	40		577	3		40	50	1	7	13
Great Horned Owl					2	8							
Burrowing Owl				9						3		3	
Common Nighthawk			1					2		1 Wheatridge 9/30 PR			
Chimney Swift		8											
White-throated Swift											6		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2					1			1 Franktown 9/23 MS				
Rufous Hummingbird	1												
Belted Kingfisher						6	1	1					
Common Flicker	5			3		24	2	9	2	1	4	2	15
Red-headed Woodpecker				1									
Lewis' Woodpecker								1					
Hairy Woodpecker				1					2		2		1
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker	1	South Park CH, FH, KH 9/1											1
Eastern Kingbird	2	Barr 9/5 RO, SE			2	1)							
Western Kingbird		3		1	2	5		5		2		1	
Cassin's Kingbird					1								
Say's Phoebe				2	1	Banner L. 9/20 MS					1	1	Roxborough 9/22 MS
Eastern Phoebe												1 imm.	
Traill's Flycatcher			1										
Empidonax, Sp.						4				1			
Western Wood Pewee				2	1	2							
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1										
Horned Lark		24	500	25	2	54	29			300		26	5
Violet-green Swallow			2					1					
Tree Swallow						8)							
Bank Swallow	3	Barr 9/5 RO,SE	1)										
Barn Swallow		95	12	10	50	592	26	15	1				
Cliff Swallow	2	Barr 9/5 RO,SE				1	10		8	Evergreen 9/21 DS			
Gray Jay	2	Golden Gate State Park 9/2 PR							21				1
Blue Jay			1	1		1		1					
Steller's Jay	1							1	6		10	1	25
Scrub Jay	11							1			1	12	2
Black-billed Magpie	2	15	5	30	2	211	7	43	6	2	17	3	14
Common Raven		4						1Sp.	7				3
Common Crow						1		2	2				18
Pinon Jay									40	Evergreen 9/30 DS			
Clark's Nutcracker			3	Golden Gate State Park 9/23 PR					2				1
Black-capped Chickadee	5			4		23		13	2				1
Mountain Chickadee	3			3					42	3			18
White-breasted Nuthatch									1	Golden Gate State Park 9/23 PR			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	1			7			1				
Pygmy Nuthatch			1	Golden Gate State Park 9/23 PR					1	First Record Summit Co.			
Brown Creeper									4				1
Dipper											1		
House Wren	1	3		2		9		3					
Bewick's Wren		1											
Long-billed Marsh Wren						(1	NEW EARLY RECORD						
Canon Wren	5											2	
Rock Wren	1	Aurora 9/7 MS		1		5					2		
Mockingbird		5											
Gray Catbird	1	1				6		1					
Brown Thrasher		1				2				1			
Sage Thrasher		1				1				2			
Curve-billed Thrasher		1											
Robin	9	7		1		39		28	5		263	2	7
Mountain Bluebird									14		6		150
Townsend's Solitaire		1	Aurora 9/30 MS			5					2		1
Golden-crowned Kinglet													2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						2			10			1	6
Water Pipit		3		3	Tower Rd. pond 9/5 MS							3	
Cedar Waxwing													
Loggerhead Shrike		5				4		1		1			
Starling	7			62	315	750	20	20	5				14
Solitary Vireo				1	Franktown 9/10 MS Banded								1
Red-eyed Vireo		1	Wheatridge 9/13-14 PR			2							
Orange-crowned Warbler		3				10		1	2	Aurora 9/27 MS Banded			
Nashville Warbler		1	Evergreen 9/2 DS			2							
Virginia Warbler	29	Evergreen 9/2 DS	1	Franktown 9/10 MS Banded	3	1	Roxborough 9/22 MS					1	

SEPTEMBER	1	8	8	9	9	15	16	22	23	23	29	30	29/30
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HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	MTNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS
SPECIES													
Yellow Warbler	1					2							
Yellow-rumped Warbler									4	Aurora 9/25 MS Banded		13	
Yellow-rumped Warbler(M)									4				
Yellow-rumped Warbler(A)						2			12				
Townsend's Warbler	1	Wheatridge 9/1 PE											
Palm Warbler						1							
Macgillivray's Warbler				1	1	1	1	Aurora 9/4 MS Banded					
Common Yellowthroat						40	1	1					
Wilson's Warbler	4			1	1	71		9	3	6			11
American Redstart						3		2					
House Sparrow			6	30		239		15		30		4	7
Western Meadowlark	38		50	65	25	134	39			30		12	19
Yellow-headed Blackbird				8	15	622	23						
Red-winged Blackbird	3	20		20		1361	16	1	190	6			150
Brewer's Blackbird	100					11	82		38	3			13
Common Grackle	60					63					180	Wheatridge 9/19 PR	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	1												
Western Tanager	2		1			2		2			1	7	Aurora 9/1-30 Banded
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	Wheatridge 9/1-2 PE				NEW	EARLY	RECORD	2	Wheatridge 9/9 PE			
Black-headed Grosbeak	1												
Blue Grosbeak	1							2					
Indigo Bunting								1					
Lazuli Bunting	1							1					
Evening Grosbeak		1						1					
Cassin's Finch											2		12
House Finch	2	5		4		2		20					
Pine Grosbeak													
Brown-capped Rosy Finch													
Pine Siskin	19					4		80	14		49	4	46
American Goldfinch	5		1	Wheatridge 9/8 PR				2					
Lesser Goldfinch	15	2		2				40					
Red Crossbill													
Green-tailed Towhee	1					4		3			1	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	5							1			2	14	
Lark Bunting			500	1		3	27						
Savannah Sparrow	4				25	20							
Vesper Sparrow	32	20	10			159		24	1	300		2	7
Lark Sparrow	8		2			3		6	1	Wheatridge 9/13 PR			
Dark-eyed Junco(Ore.)	1	Evergreen 9/10 DS											
Gray-headed Junco	2					1			45				
Chipping Sparrow	25		2			87		4		5	1	24	12
Clay-colored Sparrow			2	1		39		3					
Brewer's Sparrow	6					3		2		6			
White-crowned Sparrow						27		12	1	3	14	3	4
White-throated Sparrow													
Fox Sparrow	1	Eastern ssp. Evergreen 9/2 DS											
Lincoln's Sparrow					2	3						1	2
Song Sparrow	2					25	5	5					5
McCown's Longspur			200										
Smith's Longspur										1000			
TOTAL SPECIES	195	30	74	33	69	35	113	31	58	32	31	25	53

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Patty Echelmeyer, S. E. Edwards, Carol Hack, Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Ray Olson, Paul Rechel, Mildred Snyder, Robert Spencer, Douglas Stotz, Lois Webster.

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MEMBERSHIP: Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. For other types of membership, please contact the Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Whipple, 232 Titan St., Aurora, Colorado 80010. Telephone: 343-9793.

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please note, if a field trip is cancelled for any reason, please notify the editor. Please notify your editor of any changes in address or any unreceived issues of The Lark Bunting.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a trip, send in a report and I'll use them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as some species are missed each month on the regularly scheduled trips, often rather common ones.

THIRD ANNUAL FALL COUNT, SEPTEMBER 15, 1973

AREA	BANN	BARR	HCR	MHL	PROS	1973	1972	1971
SPECIES								
Common Loon		1				1		
Red-necked Grebe								3
Horned Grebe		1			1	2	8	1
Eared Grebe		1		1	4	6	18	7
Western Grebe		93	46		10	149	74	79
Pied-billed Grebe	5	3	3	9	11	31	49	23
White Pelican		1				1	28	
Double-crested Cormorant		110	1	3	5	119	8	54
Great Blue Heron		24	27	23	9	83	48	59
Cattle Egret							2	
Great Egret		1				1		
Snowy Egret		41			4	45	5	10
Black-crowned Night Heron	31	53		24	12	120	20	33
Canada Goose	13	32			32	77	31	26
Mallard	23	365	333	1600	125	2446	11,260	2191
Gadwall		4	1	2	90	97	54	263
Pintail	2	77	14	150		243	1250	432
Green-winged Teal		11	108	60	14	193	140	245
Blue-winged Teal	23	40	20	300	4	387	280	561
Cinnamon Teal								3
American Wigeon	50	28	3	260	2	343	406	504
Northern Shoveler				46	40	86	65	358
Wood Duck							1	
Redhead		4				4	13	12
Ruddy Duck		20		53	40	113	309	492
Turkey Vulture							1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1	1	1	1
Red-tailed Hawk		1	1	2	1	5	15	5
Swainson's Hawk	2		10	1	6	19	8	17
Ferruginous Hawk			1		1	2	3	2
Golden Eagle					1	1		
Marsh Hawk	2	3	6	2	6	19	8	20
Prairie Falcon		1	1			2	2	1
American Kestrel	5	4	43	2	17	71	51	24
Bobwhite							1	
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	1	2	1	5	26	15
Sandhill Crane		3				3	2	9
Virginia Rail				4		4	2	
Sora	1			2		3	7	1
American Coot	96	230	150	250	140	866	899	772
Semipalmated Plover							5	3
Killdeer		24	65	45	75	219	635	468
Golden Plover								1
Black-bellied Plover		1			1	2	11	
Common Snipe	9			18	45	72	32	7
Spotted Sandpiper		1	3	1		5	10	2
Solitary Sandpiper				4	1	5	1	2
Willet								1
Greater Yellowlegs				4		4	19	1
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	47		62	2	113	339	12
<u>Knot</u>		1				1		
Pectoral Sandpiper			1	8		9	63	8
White-rumped Sandpiper				1		1		
Baird's Sandpiper		36	17	36		90	551	306
Least Sandpiper			8	8	12	28	77	16
Long-billed Dowitcher		1		27		28	19	1
Stilt Sandpiper				20		20	145	13
Semipalmated Sandpiper				10		10	9	32
Western Sandpiper				1		1	28	31
Marbled Godwit				2		2	1	
Sanderling		4	2	1	2	9	1	3
American Avocet	1	13	9	8	2	33	70	92
Wilson's Phalarope				3		3	20	3
Northern Phalarope				3		3	58	30
California Gull			3	55		58	14	37
Ring-billed Gull	2	20	58	37	25	142	164	586
Franklin's Gull		300	706	113	16	1135	526	1934
Bonaparte's Gull								1
Forster's Tern				2		2		
Black Tern							5	34
Rock Dove	4		9	5	15	33	65	37
Mourning Dove	9	19	267	32	250	577	415	451
Great Horned Owl	1		2	1	4	8	12	10
Burrowing Owl							44	8
Common Nighthawk							1	10

THIRD ANNUAL FALL COUNT, SEPTEMBER 15, 1973

AREA	BANN	BARR	HCR	MHL	PROS	1973	1972	1971
SPECIES								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			1			1	1	
Belted Kingfisher	1	1		3	1	6	3	5
Common Flicker	1	4	12	7		24	50	28
Red-headed Woodpecker								2
Lewis' Woodpecker							1	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker							2	
Hairy Woodpecker							1	3
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	2		4	15	19
Eastern Kingbird			1			1	1	2
Western Kingbird		1	1	1	2	5	1	32
Cassin's Kingbird							1	3
Say's Phoebe							4	15
Traill's Flycatcher							2	1
Empidonax, Sp.	1		3			4		
Western Flycatcher							1	1
Western Wood Pewee		1	1			2	12	45
Horned Lark	31	10		1	12	54	92	135
Violet-green Swallow							1	
Tree Swallow			8			8	1	2
Bank Swallow							13	
Barn Swallow	310	143	9	85	65	592	512	364
Cliff Swallow		1				1		1
Blue Jay				1		1	1	2
Black-billed Magpie	9	88	80	16	18	211	174	220
Common Crow			1			1		3
Pinon Jay							3	
Black-capped Chickadee		16	3	4		23	41	51
Mountain Chickadee							1	
White-breasted Nuthatch							2	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2		3		2	7	16	5
Brown Creeper							4	1
House Wren	1	2	3		3	9	21	21
Long-billed Marsh Wren				1		1		
Rock Wren	1		3		1	5	29	43
Mockingbird							2	2
Gray Catbird	1	4	1			6	2	2
Brown Thrasher	1			1		2	3	3
Sage Thrasher	1					1	3	3
Robin	19		8	5	7	39	60	19
Hermit Thrush							6	
Swainson's Thrush							1	
Gray-cheeked Thrush							1	
Veery							1	
Townsend's Solitaire	1	1	2		1	5	9	
Golden-crowned Kinglet							7	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2			2	35	3
Water Pipit					1	1	6	2
Cedar Waxwing							13	
Loggerhead Shrike		1	2	1		4		6
Starling	106	17	217	135	275	750	1284	3460
Solitary Vireo							5	2
Red-eyed Vireo		2				2	1	
Warbling Vireo							4	4
Orange-crowned Warbler		3	1	6		10	22	10
Nashville Warbler		1		1		2	1	
Virginia's Warbler							3	
Yellow Warbler		1	1			2	1	2
Black-throated Blue Warbler							1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler(M)							1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler(A)		1	1			2	49	6
Townsend's Warbler							30	1
Blackpoll Warbler								1
Palm Warbler				1		1		
MacGillivray's Warbler					1	1	5	4
Common Yellowthroat	12			20	8	40	25	20
Wilson's Warbler	13	28	11	18	1	71	276	137
American Redstart				1	2	3	1	4
House Sparrow	48	35	51	92	15	239	322	584
Western Meadowlark	4	7	90	23	22	145	175	112
Yellow-headed Blackbird	90	10		402	120	622	4029	417
Red-winged Blackbird	350	400	141	70	400	1361	844	948
Northern Oriole(BU)							1	3
Brewer's Blackbird					11	11	229	6
Common Grackle	1	40		22		63	517	229
Western Tanager	1				1	2	5	18

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AREA	BANN	BARR	HCR	MHL	PROS	1973	1972	1971
SPECIES								
Black-headed Grosbeak								2
Lazuli Bunting							2	8
House Finch					2	2	12	30
Pine Siskin		2	2			4	3	
American Goldfinch		1	6	7		14	12	6
Lesser Goldfinch							3	1
Green-tailed Towhee	1		1	1	1	4	26	10
Rufous-sided Towhee							5	1
Lark Bunting			2		1	3	5	41
Savannah Sparrow				18	2	20	13	2
Vesper Sparrow	4	27	83		45	159	516	156
Lark Sparrow			3			3	6	18
Dark-eyed Junco(0)							6	
Gray-headed Junco				1		1	1	
Chipping Sparrow	6	19	59		3	87	137	240
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	1	3	9	25	39	98	26
Brewer's Sparrow	1		1		2	3	37	19
White-crowned Sparrow	9	2		8	8	27	22	4
Lincoln's Sparrow			1		2	3	5	5
Song Sparrow	20			3	2	25	26	33
TOTAL SPECIES	170	49	71	68	79	72	113	150
								134

DR. RON RYDER INVITES MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND SPECIAL LECTURES ON ATTRACTING NONGAME WILDLIFE. BY EDWIN F KOMAREK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH STATION, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. Tuesday, October 23, 1973. Colorado State University, Fort Collins. 3:30 PM-Room 230 Student Center. NONGAME WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AT BIRDSONG PLANTATION. 7:30 PM- Room A102 Social Science Building. Attracting Songbirds to Home and Garden. Both presentations will be illustrated with slides. Visitors are welcome to both sessions.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 1973

- November 3 Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at West entrance to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 7:30 AM. Parks Pass required for those who wish to drive in.
- 4 Sunday. . Plains east of Denver. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 AM. *
- 10 Saturday, Waterton Area. Bob Buttery, Leader. Meet at the bridge over the South Platte River at Waterton at 8:00 AM. *
- 11 Sunday. Red Rocks Park. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM.
- 17 Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 AM. *
- 18 Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. *
- 24 Saturday. Trip to Guanella Pass. Ray Olson, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. *
- 25 Sunday. Valmont and Boulder Reservoirs. Paul Julian, Leader. Meet at the intersection of Baseline Road and Cherryvale in Boulder at 8:00 AM. *

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 27, 1973
"Birding in Mexico and Central America"
By
David Hutchinson

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New Auditorium-west side)

OCTOBER 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- OCTOBER 6, Saturday. Sloan's Lake and Clear Creek Greenbelt(Wheatridge). Paul and Jennifer Rechel, Leaders. (Warm and mild, 4 hours) Edna Blackhurst, John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (25 Species)
- 7, Sunday. Arsenal, Tower Road Pond, Barr Lake, Prospect Reservoir. Sophia Bogart, Leader. (Overcast A.M., warm, 6 hours) Christine Bonney, Ward Chadwick, Hazel Kellogg, Vito Tursi. (44 Species)
- 13, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Fair, warm, no wind. 7 hours) Edna Blackhurst, Juanita Craig, Helen Gross, Fred Houser, Hazel Kellogg, Aurelia Valley, Ruth Wheeler. (22 Species)
- 14, Sunday. Waterton. Jean White, Leader. (Clear, warm, 80°) Dorothy Bailey, Ward Chadwick, Jean Herron, Caroline Linville. (14 Species)
- 20, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek, Morrison and Lakes of the Area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Very warm, no wind, almost cloudless sky. 7 hours) Merle Barbour, Edna Blackhurst, Mary Cornelius, Juanita Craig, Ladarn and Seth Goodwin, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Aurelia Valley, Ruth Wheeler. (30 Species)
- 20, Saturday. Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Observer. (Clear becoming partly cloudy. 13 hours) (85 Species)
- 21, Sunday. Sloan's Lake and Red Rocks. Jennifer and Paul Rechel, Leaders. (Warm and mild, 4 hours) Peter Gorman, John Hannum, Beverly Hudson, Hazel Kellogg, Vito Tursi. (24 Species)
- 27, Saturday. Lakes North and West of Denver. Ralston Reservoir. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. (Clear, 50-60°, 6½ hours) Edna Blackhurst, Virginia and Tom Faxon, Dick and Mary Fennelly, Helen Gross, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Cicelly Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Jeanne White. (28 Species)
- 28, Sunday. Bowmar Area Lakes. Jo Trainor, Leader. Sonny Brochner, Hazel Kellogg, Ted Trainor, Aurelia Valley. (31 Species)(Sunny, fair, 40-65°, 4 hours)
- 28, Sunday. Denver to Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Observer. (Clear, 32-65°, 10 hours) (57 Species)

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TRIP LEADERS: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please note, if a field trip is cancelled for any reason, please notify the editor.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a trip, send in a report and I'll use them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as some species are missed each month on the regularly scheduled trips, often rather common birds.

OCTOBER	6	7	13	14	20	20	21	27	27	28	28	
AREA	SLCC	BARR	PAWN	WAT	PMSJ	LBC	MORR	SLRR	NWL	RAIS	BOW	JACK
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS		PLNS	PLNS	FOOT		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS
SPECIES												
Common Loon					1						3	1
Horned Grebe					1							120
Eared Grebe	3				125							1
Western Grebe		130	1		430						3	650
Pied-billed Grebe		25	6		3				5		18	5
White Pelican	2500 Jackson 10/6 JR	2	1	CCRA 10/11 MS	150							45
Double-crested Cormorant		11	2	Barr 10/16 MS	300							60
Great Blue Heron		5			49			1			2	5
Black-crowned Night Heron			1	Barr 10/14 JR)								
Mute Swan											2	
Canada Goose	125	4			110	60		30	4		98	
Mallard	100	2	20		650	24		60	4		44	3000
Gadwall	2	12			100	16		4	8		110	4
Pintail		4			26	4			8		1	1
Green-winged Teal					75	10						
American Wigeon		36			80	70			104		63	300
Northern Shoveler	3	1			7			8			30	100
Wood Duck	10 Muir Springs 10/6 JR											
Redhead		2	12		36	1			208		55	60
Ring-necked Duck					(10	4			18			
Canvasback					13							1
Lesser Scaup			20		3						200	35
Common Goldeneye												(1
Bufflehead	(2 CCRA 10/11 MS				18	50			19		36	2
Surf Scoter					3							
Ruddy Duck		131			40	8					3	
Common Merganser					(19							7
Turkey Vulture								1 Franktown 10/27 MS)				
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1							
Red-tailed Hawk					10					1	2	2
Rough-legged Hawk								1 Arsenal 10/30 MS				(7
Ferruginous Hawk					2							1
Golden Eagle			1		4							6A
Marsh Hawk		1	2		3			1 Balarat 10/27 DH				5
Osprey		1 Waterton 10/14 HK)										
Prairie Falcon	2 PNG 10/7 HK		1		1		1 Arsenal 10/20 DH					3
American Kestrel	1	1			1						1	2
Bobwhite					2							
Ring-necked Pheasant		6			2							1
Chukar		2						3 Arsenal 10/20 DH				
Sandhill Crane	500 E.of CCRA 10/11 MS,KW				215)	1 Tower Rd. Pond 10/16 MS						
Virginia Rail					3							
American Coot	5	117	25		230	50			48		30	6
Killdeer		1	2		24	6			2			39
Common Snipe					1	10						
Spotted Sandpiper	1 Jackson 10/6 JR)											
Solitary Sandpiper											1 NEW LATE RECORD	
Lesser Yellowlegs		8	9 Barr 10/6 JR		10 MHDC 10/16 MS)							
Pectoral Sandpiper		2)	8 Adams Co. 10/6 JR									
Baird's Sandpiper		2			1)							
Least Sandpiper			3 MHDC 10/10 MS									
Dunlin								1) NEW LATE RECORD				
Long-billed Dowitcher		17	12 MHDC 10/16 MS)									
Western Sandpiper		1 Tower Rd. Pond 10/16 MS)										
Marbled Godwit	1 Jackson 10/6 JR)											
Sanderling					1)							
American Avocet		1 CCRA 10/11 MS)										
Northern Phalarope		1 Tower Rd. Pond 10/11 MS)										
Pomarine Jaeger	1 Prospect 10/6 JR											
California Gull	10				15	4						
Ring-billed Gull	100	1			1150	40			8		170	160
Franklin's Gull	20	15		6	800						1	30
Bonaparte's Gull												3
Rock Dove					34	50			3			11
Mourning Dove	12		1		2		2					
Great Horned Owl					1							
Burrowing Owl					1 CCRA 10/22 CH,FH,KH)							
Long-eared Owl	1 Barr 10/14 JR				2 Arsenal 10/20 DH							
Short-eared Owl					1 Arsenal 10/20 DH							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1 Franktown 10/4 MS)											
Belted Kingfisher	1	1		1	1							
Common Flicker	8	2	1	4	32	2		2	1	1	2	7
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1)											
Hairy Woodpecker					2							1
Downy Woodpecker	2				2							1
Say's Phoebe	1 PNG 10/7 HK)											

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HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS		PLNS	PLNS	FOOT		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS

SPECIES

Empidonax, Sp.	1 PNG 10/7 HK	1)										
Horned Lark		1	100		34							670
Gray Jay					3 Pine Junction 10/22 DH							
Blue Jay	2	1			17 2 Littleton All month JT							1
Steller's Jay					1							
Scrub Jay								2				
Black-billed Magpie	20	36	7	2	49	30		12	14	5	18	33
Common Raven					2 Balarat 10/27 DH					2		
Common Crow	2				36				1			
Black-capped Chickadee		2		3	29	4	2	6			2	16
Mountain Chickadee				1	3 Pine Junction 10/22 DH				11 Balarat 10/27 DH			
White-breasted Nuthatch									2 Balarat 10/27 DH			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1			1	1 Aurora 10/25 MS Banded						
Pygmy Nuthatch				6 Pine Junction 10/22 DH					50 Balarat 10/27 DH			
Brown Creeper				1	3	1 Aurora 10/25			1 Balarat 10/27 DH			
Dipper				1		Banded						
Long-billed Marsh Wren	1 Muir Springs 10/6 JR											
Canon Wren								1				
Brown Thrasher						1 Aurora 10/21 MS Banded)						
Sage Thrasher	1 Wiggins 10/6 JR)											
American Robin	30	13	12	16	47			8			1	66
Hermit Thrush					3							1)
Mountain Bluebird	1 MHDC 10/6 JR		24)									
Townsend's Solitaire								3		1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet					3							2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1 Aurora 10/15 MS Banded							1
Water Pipit	3 Arsenal 10/16MS 6				16							40
Northern Shrike									1			(2
Starling	10		10	7	1300	12		6	58		300	235
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 Aurora 10/9 MS Banded)											
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 Waterton 10/14 HK)											
Yellow-rumped Warbler(Myrtle)					11							
Yellow-rumped Warbler(A)	2	11	6		42		1					
House Sparrow	20	14	25		225	8		10	3		2	150
Western Meadowlark		53	100		107	4			2	10	1	135
Red-winged Blackbird	20	30	30	3	1000	31		2	18		26	2150
Brewer's Blackbird		35			50			2				
Common Grackle	20				1							
Brown-headed Cowbird					1)							
Western Tanager	1 Muir Springs 10/6 JR)											
Evening Grosbeak				18		2	1					
House Finch	30	25			2	5		8	17		5	
Pine Siskin		1			18	6						6
American Goldfinch		4			33							1
Rufous-sided Towhee					1			1				
Savannah Sparrow					2)							
Dark-eyed Junco				1								
Dark-eyed Junco(White-winged)					(1			1 Aurora 10/26 MS Banded				
Dark-eyed Junco(Slate-colored)					(3					3		
Dark-eyed Junco(Oregon)		(1			88	4	3	6		2		4
Gray-headed Junco	4 Waterton 10/14 HK					6		8				
Tree Sparrow					(6	1 Aurora 10/22 MS Banded						21
Chipping Sparrow			1		4)							
Harris' Sparrow					(1	7						
White-crowned Sparrow		5			30	4		4	4			1
Lincoln's Sparrow					1)							
Song Sparrow				1	9							8
McCown's Longspur	1000 PNG 10/7 HK)											
Chesnut-collared Longspur	15 PNG 10/7 HK											15
TOTAL SPECIES	142	25	44	22	14	85	28	5	21	22	8	31
												57

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MT. CARBON DAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: As a part of the preliminaries in assessing the potential environmental impact of the Mt. Carbon Dam to be located on lower Bear Creek, Mr. Phil Hoefer would like to have information of bird observations in the area to be included in this project. Any bird club members or friends who have pertinent observations in the Mt. Carbon area should send this information to Mr. Phil Hoefer, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University, Foothills Campus, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80521. Information could include: species observed, dates, numbers.

CLUB FIELD TRIPS: In light of the energy crises, it would be wise to form car pools on all field trips, taking as few vehicles as possible. Don't forget to share mileage costs with your driver. Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CHRISTMAS COUNTS: It is approaching the time of year to be planning Christmas counts. Included in the field trip schedule are most of the Christmas counts to be held in Colorado this year. Plan to participate in several if you can. The more participants the more thorough coverage can be made thus making for better Christmas counts.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Hazel Kellogg, 4956 E. Kentucky Circle, Denver, Colorado 80222	757-2868
Dr. Robert McDowell, 1030 E. Yale Ave., Englewood, Colorado 80110	789-1354
Aurelia Valley, 1464 Marion St., Denver, Colorado 80218	831-0396

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 1973

- December 1, Saturday. Castlewood Dam and Castle Rock. Rosy Finches! Merle Barbour, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center, South Logan at Hampden Avenue, at 8:00 A.M. *
- 2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Dr. Ward Chadwick, Leader. Meet at the west entrance of Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:00 A.M. Parks Pass required for those who wish to drive into the park.
- 8, Saturday. Denver Christmas Count Scouting Trips:
Lower South Platte: McClelland Reservoir, 8:00 A.M., Robert Reed, Leader.
Middle South Platte: Dry Creek Shopping Center, 7:30 A.M., Thompson Marsh, Leader.
Lower Bear Creek: King's Sooper, Bear Valley Shopping Center, 8:00 A.M. Sadie Morrison, Leader.
Lower Deer Creek: Call Leader, Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000.
- 9, Sunday. Denver Christmas Count Scouting Trips:
Red Rocks: 25th and Sheridan, 7:30 A.M., Don Thatcher, Leader.
Upper Deer Creek: Dry Creek Shopping Center, 8:00 A.M., Sue Merrick, Leader.
Upper Bear Creek: Call Leader, Bill Brockner, 674-4851.
- Other Denver Christmas Count Scouting Trips:
North Turkey Creek: Call Leader, Bob Buttery, 986-0698.
South Turkey Creek: Call Leader, Hugh Kingery, 733-0351.
Yegge Peak: Call Leader, Nancy Hurley, 757-0837.
Double-head Mountain: Call Leader, Dick Pillmore, 237-4764.
Willow Creek: Call Leader, Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947.
Ken Caryl Ranch: Contact Leader, Sophia Bogart, 2075 Potomac St., Office Box 158, Aurora, Colorado 80110 (She will call you)

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 1973

- December 15, Saturday. Denver Area Christmas Count.
Dawn or before to dusk or after. We will divide into several groups to count all the birds we can within our 15 mile diameter circle. We encourage all DFO members and friends to come along with one of the groups. We need beginners through experts. Come out for as long as you can, $\frac{1}{2}$ day is fine. National Audubon Society charges \$1.00 for each listed participant. Call leaders for arrangements, or David Hutchinson, 428-3922, or Hugh Kingery, 733-0351, if you would like to know which group might need your help. This year we will return to the Bear Valley Wyatt's Cafeteria, Hampden Avenue and South Sheridan Boulevard to eat and compile at 5:30 P.M. Mountain Standard Time. Everyone is welcome, whether you go on the count or not. *
- | AREA | LEADER | PHONE |
|---------------------------|--|----------|
| 1 - Red Rocks | Don Thatcher | 455-7479 |
| 2 - Lower Bear Creek | Sadie Morrison | 388-1488 |
| 3 - Marston-Bowles Lake | Harold Holt | 936-8845 |
| 4 - Lower South Platte | Robert Reed | 795-9522 |
| 5 - Middle South Platte | Thompson Marsh | 377-5380 |
| 6 - Upper South Platte | Cal Royall | 985-7295 |
| 7 - Lower Deer Creek | Lynn Willcockson | 757-7000 |
| 7A - Upper Deer Creek | Sue Merrick | 355-7126 |
| 8 - South Turkey Creek | Hugh Kingery | 733-0351 |
| 8A - Yegge Peak | Nancy Hurley | 757-0837 |
| 8B - Double Head Mountain | Dick Pillmore | 237-4764 |
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| 10 - Upper Bear Creek | Bill Brockner | 674-4851 |
| 11 - Willow Creek | Patty Echelmeyer | 233-4947 |
| 11A - Willow Springs | Mildred Snyder | 366-7610 |
| 11B - Ken Caryl Ranch | Sophia Bogart, 2075 Potomac, Office Box 158,
Aurora, Colorado 80010 | |
- 15, Saturday. Grand Junction Christmas Count. Contact Lorna Gustafson, 110 Vista Grande Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501. 1-243-1772.
- 15, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park Christmas Count. Meet at Park headquarters, Estes Park, Colorado at 8:00 A.M. For further information Contact Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80521. Office: 1-491-6547. Home: 1-482-8089.
- 15, Saturday. Boulder Christmas Count. For further information contact: Louise Hering, 568 Marine St., Boulder, Colorado 80302. 442-7059 or Libby Goodwin, 2885 17th St., Boulder, Colorado 80302. 449-6227.
- 16, Sunday. Evergreen-Idaho Springs Christmas Count. For further information contact Douglas Stotz, P.O. Box 54, Kittredge, Colorado 80457. 674-4479.
- 18, Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Christmas Count. Meet at the Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge at 6:00 A.M. For further information contact Charles R. Bryant, Box 511, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144. 852-2934.
- 18, Tuesday. Nunn Christmas Count. Meet at the Pawnee Site of Grassland Biome, Field Lab. at 7:30 A.M. For further information contact Clait E. Braun, 1409 Patton, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80521. 1-493-2841. 1-484-2836 or Dr. Ron Ryder, 491-6547.
- 21, Friday. Foothills Audubon Club Christmas Count(Longmont) For further information contact R. D. Harden, 1721 W. 8th, Loveland, Colorado 80537. 1-667-3819. or Dick Esposito, 10 Longs Peak, Longmont, Colorado 80501. 1-772-1012.
- 21, Friday. Westcliffe Christmas Count. Meet at the Junction of Colorado 69 and Colorado 96 in Westcliffe at 7:30 P.M. For further information contact Van Truan, 2510 Elizabeth, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. 1-543-2959.
- 22, Saturday. Ft. Collins Christmas Count. For further information contact Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521. Office: 1-491-6547. Home: 1-482-8089.
- 22, Saturday. Pueblo Christmas Count. Meet at the Ramada Inn parking lot at 7:00 A.M. For further information contact Dave or Claire Griffiths, 17 Solar Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81005. 1-561-2974.
- 22, Weldona Christmas Count. For further information contact Donald Thatcher, 2916 Perry St., Denver, Colorado 80212. 455-7479.
- 23, Sunday. Lake Isabel Christmas Count. Meet at the Holiday Inn, I-25 and Highway 50(North Pueblo) For further information contact Van Truan, 2510 Elizabeth, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. 1-543-2959.

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- December 24, Monday. Gunnison Christmas Count. For further information contact Dr. A. Sidney Hyde, Box 217 Gunnison, Colorado 81230. 1-641-0116.
- 29, Saturday. Durango Christmas Count. Meet at 53 Rio Vista Circle at 7:30 A.M. For further information contact Richard Stransky, 175 West 29th St., Durango, Colorado 81301. 1-247-8138.
- 30, Bonny Christmas Count. for further information contact Paul Julian 1269 Chinook Wy, Boulder, Colorado 80302. 499-9107.
- 31, Pike's Peak Christmas Count. Meet at the Writer's Manor, I-25 and Colorado Boulevard at 5:30 A.M. or at the park in Manitou Springs at 7:00 A.M. For further information contact Libby Goodwin, 2885 17th, Boulder, Colorado 80302. 449-6227.
- Colorado Springs Christmas Count. For further information contact Mrs. Harry B. Wills, 540 Asbury Place, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906. 1-634-5122.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 15, 1973
Christmas Count Compilation and Dinner
at
Wyatt's Cafeteria

5:30 P.M. MST Bear Valley Shopping Center on the Mall, Hampden Ave. and S. Sheridan.

NOVEMBER 1973 FIELD TRIPS

- November 3, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Overcast, occasional snow, 32°, 4-3/4 hours) Dorothy Bailey, David Hutchinson, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Spencer, Edie Trimmer. (44 Species)
- 4, Sunday. Field Trip Cancelled. Bad Weather.
- 10, Saturday. Waterton. Bob Buttery, Leader. (Warm, partly cloudy, SW wind, 10 mph, 60-74°, 7 hours) Dorothy Bailey, Merle Barbour, Henry and Vi Bossman, Doug Buttery, Urling Cannon, John and Joyce Cooper, Helen Gross, Fred Hauser, Beverly Hudson, Hazel Kellogg, Hugh Kingery, Jane Newcomb, Mary Jane Schock, Aurelia Valley, Ruth Wheeler. (39 Species)
- 11, Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, warm, 2 hours) (17 Species)
- 17, Saturday. Reservoir at 26th and Youngfield, Federal Center, along Bear Creek to Morrison Picnic Grounds and Lakes of the Area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Warm and sunny, no wind, 7 hours) Bobby Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Henry and Vi Bossman, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Juanita Craig, Dick and Mary Fennely, Hazel Kellogg, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (40 Species)
- 18, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Partly cloudy, warm, 8 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Dave McCargo, Sue Merrick, Edie Trimmer. (22 Species)
- 23, Friday. Denver to Prospect Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs. (Clear, hazy, calm wind, 19-42°, 10 hours) Dave Griffiths and Jack Reddall, Observers. (55 Species)
- 24, Saturday. Georgetown to Guanella Pass. Ray Olson, Leader. (Clear, crisp, 30°, 4 hours) Bobby Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Sue Merrick, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (10 Species)
- 25, Sunday. Boulder, Valmont Reservoir. Paul Julian, Leader. (Partly cloudy, cold, 5 hours) Ed Arenson, Sophia Bogart, Dickie Bogle (Darion, Conn.), Christine Bonney, Bruce Bosley, Carl Chapel, John and Joyce Cooper, Mary Fischer, Libby Goodwin, Francesca Iovine, Mike and Pete Moulton, Dan and Kathy McCamman, Ruth and Warner Reeser, Edie Trimmer, Dick Weppner. (41 Species)

MEMBERSHIP: Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. Please remit to the Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Whipple, 232 Titan Street, Aurora, Colorado 80010. Telephone: 343-9793

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone; 428-3922. Please notify the editor if a field trip is cancelled for any reason.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual reports should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a field trip, send in a report and I'll use them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not always observed on the scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations to be as complete as possible.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Ray Olson is the new field trip chairman. Anyone desiring to lead a field trip can contact him. Ray Olson, 8651 West 38th Ave., Wheatridge, Colorado 80033. Phone: 424-6823.

NOVEMBER	3	10	11	17	17	18	23	24	25
AREA	CCRA	WAT	RRP	LBC	MORR	PAWN	PJMS	GUAN	VAL
HABITAT	PLNS		FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS
SPECIES									
Common Loon	2	1	Marston 11/4 HK	2	CCRA 11/10 MS	1	2	CCRA 11/18 JR	
② Arctic Loon					2	CCRA 11/18 JR.HH	1	CCRA 11/21 MS	
Horned Grebe				30	Marston 11/19 MS	15	CCRA 11/21 MS		
Eared Grebe	5			1	CCRA 11/18 JR)				
Pied-billed Grebe	1			5		1	CCRA 11/30 MS		
Double-crested Cormorant	1	1	CCRA 11/10 MS	1	CCRA 11/17 JR,JC)				
Great Blue Heron		3	1	CCRA 11/18 JR	3	CCRA 11/21 MS	3	Bowles L. 11/29 MS	
Canada Goose	37			120			2850		4500
Snow Goose	(1-3	Bowles L. 11/15,23,25 JC			2	CCRA 11/30 MS			6
Mallard	300			52			14,000		3500
Gadwall	150	4		71					
Pintail	75			5			600		25
Green-winged Teal	30			10					
American Widgeon	100	6		52					18
Shoveler	100			5			85		4
Redhead	150			3		5	10		35
Ring-necked Duck				5					14
Canvasback	8			3	Marston 11/19 MS				
Greater Scaup						2	Tule L. 11/23 JC		
Lesser Scaup	20			9			16		10
Common Goldeneye				1			1175		12
Bufflehead				83		2	40		6
White-winged Scoter							2	Sloan's L. 11/27 WC	
Ruddy Duck	5	4	Bowmar 11/10 JC		2	Sloan's L. 11/13 PE			
Hooded Merganser	1	Marston 11/4 HK	6	Marston 11/19 MS		1	Tule L. 11/23 JC		
Common Merganser		1	6	CCRA 11/21 MS			2600		17
Red-breasted Merganser									(5
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	CCRA 11/17 JR		1	Waterton 11/21 HK		
Cooper's Hawk					1	E. Denver 11/17 MS			
Red-tailed Hawk		4		3			6		
Harlan's Hawk			(1	Waterton 11/22 HK		1	N. Adams Co. 11/23,24 DH		
Rough-legged Hawk	1	4	Near Marston 11/19 MS		10		41		2
Ferruginous Hawk	1				2		2		1
Golden Eagle	1	Waterton 11/4 HK	1	Kassler 11/19 MS		1	5A	2	
Bald Eagle			1A	7I Bonney 11/25 HK			(1A		
Marsh Hawk	3				1		12		1
Prairie Falcon					1		5		1
Pigeon Hawk	1						2	Bonney 11/25 HK	
Sparrow Hawk	2	Aurora 11/6, 1	11/10 MS	1		2	6		3
White-tailed Ptarmigan								4	
Bobwhite							1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	4				1	1			
③ Whooping Crane	5	Greeley 11/3 JCop							
Sandhill Crane			28	SW Denver 14/15 DH)					
Virginia Rail							2		
American Coot	75			25		6	2		24
Killdeer	7						2		9
Black-bellied Plover	1)								
Common Snipe	30	Kipling at BearCr	2		12		7		
Long-billed Dowitcher	11/3 JC				1	CCRA 11/18 JC)			
Herring Gull	3		8	CCRA 11/30 MS			6		
California Gull	8			1)					
Ring-billed Gull	45	46					300		4
Bonaparte's Gull				1	CCRA 11/17 JR				
Rock Dove	35	30	50	35			14		
Mourning Dove			2	Waterton 11/22 HK			1		
Great Horned Owl	2	2			1		1		
Belted Kingfisher		1							2
Red-shafted Flicker	2	5	4	2		1	17		5
⑦ Red-bellied Woodpecker							1	Bonney 11/25 HK	
Hairy Woodpecker							1	1	
Downy Woodpecker	2	3		2	1		1	2	1
Horned Lark	3					2000	885		
Blue Jay		1	3	Littleton All month JT			2		
Steller's Jay								6	
Scrub Jay		4	4		1				
Black-billed Magpie	9	9	4	9	8		43		14
Common Raven		1	1						
Common Crow		10							325
Black-capped Chickadee		1	4	3			7	1	1
Mountain Chickadee		8			2			2	
Brown Creeper	1	Lakewood 11/1-14 JC	4	1			1		
Dipper		1			1				
Canon Wren		1	3						
Brown Thrasher									1
									Wheatridge 11/21,23,25,28 RO

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SPECIES

Townsend's Solitaire		6	4						
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1 Bonney 11/24 HK		
Water Pipit	150								
Cedar Waxwing				2-15 Lakewood 11/16-30 JC					
Northern Shrike		1	1 Littleton 11/11 JT		1	1			
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 Wheatridge 11/5 PE								
House Sparrow		8		10		4	154	1	
Western Meadowlark	23			6		50	112		3
Red-winged Blackbird	500			39			1965		24
Brewer's Blackbird							5		
Brown-headed Cowbird							1		
Evening Grosbeak	30 Wheatridge 11/3 LR 1 3 Littleton 11/11, 30-50 11/19 JT							20	
Cassin's Finch				10 Kassler 11/19 MS					
House Finch	100	39	15	36					45
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch								9	
Pine Siskin	50	14	1	6	4		35		16
American Goldfinch		44		2			11		
Rufous-sided Towhee		7	4	1 Lakewood All month JC 1 S Denver 11/6, 10, 14 LM					
White-winged Junco		1							
Slate-colored Junco		1					1		
Oregon Junco	1	3	4				1		4
Gray-headed Junco		7	5	1					
Junco, Sp				6					
Tree Sparrow	25	4	5	1		4	75		85
Harris' Sparrow		2		1	2 Waterton 11/10, 22 HK				
White-crowned Sparrow	10								
Song Sparrow	10	17	1	1			7		2
TOTAL SPECIES	105	44	39	17	38	5	22	55	41

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: John Cooper, Jerry Copeland, Patty Echelmeyer, Harold Holt, David Hutchinson, Hugh Kingery, Ray Olson, Jack Reddall, Leona Rowe, Jo Trainor, Ward Chadwick, Lillian McDonough

(denotes first arrival to the Denver Area Plains
) denotes last departure from the Denver Area Plains

SANDHILL CRANE ALERT FROM FORT COLLINS 1973. Reported by Mildred Snyder: On Thursday, October 11, Ron Ryder called me at about 1:30 P.M. from Ft. Collins and said he had received a report that about 500 Sandhill Cranes had gone over Ft. Collins about 12:30 P.M. He wondered if anyone in the Denver area might get out to Cherry Creek Recreation Area, where Katherine Whipple and I saw about 6000 going over in fog and snow last October 29, 1972, to see if they were taking the same route this year and their timing. Last year he estimated that it was about 2 hours after they were seen in Ft. Collins, that they were seen at CCRA. So I picked up Katherine Whipple again and we dashed out to CCRA. We did see them from the east entrance to CCRA, but they were about 5 miles east and still going slightly southeast. By the time we saw them it was exactly 2:30 P.M., 2 hours again from the time they were seen over Ft. Collins.

WHOOPIING CRANES REPORTED FROM GREELEY: Don Thatcher reports that Jerry Copeland observed 5 large white birds flying over Greeley on 11/3/73. He reported that they were large white birds with black wing tips and they were flying with dragging legs. He is a former resident of Nebraska and had observed them their on their migration south.

NOMENCLATURE FOR THE LARK BUNTING: At the November 15, 1973 DFO Board of Directors meeting. The Board voted unanimously to revert back to the nomenclature as used in the A.O.U. CHECKLIST OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS, 5th Edition(1955) when listing species in The Lark Bunting. Please report field trip results and individual observations in this manner.

Patty Echelmeyer is retiring as the DFO field trip chairman. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the DFO for a job well done. She has done an excellent job of providing a variety of trips for the membership during the past several years. THANK YOU PATTY.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND UNDELIVERED BULLETINS: Please notify your editor of any changes of address or any issues of The Lark Bunting which are not received.

RARE BIRD ALERT: ATTENTION! Want to be on(or off our Rare Bird Alert list? Call Mildred Snyder (366-7610) or Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) Don't forget to inform your rare bird alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

1973 DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT: As most of you know the 22nd annual Denver Count is being held Saturday, December 15, 1973. I would like to invite all of the DFO members and friends to join us in this endeavor. Let's make this the most successful count ever. This year there are some changes being made. One of these involves the fee schedule. In the past it has been necessary to charge a \$1.00 per participant fee to assist in the publication of the April issue of American Birds. The changes in the fee schedule are as follows: 1) Current subscribers to American Birds and their families will pay the traditional \$1 per person per count. 2) Present non-subscribers will pay a fee of \$2 for the first count they participate in, and \$1 for all subsequent counts. Although there is a \$1 increase for some participants, they will receive a copy of the April issue of American Birds, a \$3.50 value. We would encourage you to subscribe to American Birds or to renew your subscription at the compilation. Subscriptions are \$6 per year. In preparing for the count I did some research on the previous counts which I felt might be interesting. The record for the most species was set in 1971 (104 species). The record for most individual birds was set in 1972 (approximately 17,073 birds) Since the inception of the count in 1950 the center has been located in three different spots. In 1950 the center was located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Mississippi Ave and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Sheridan Blvd. In 1951 the center was moved to Green Mountain. In 1952 the center was moved to a spot just N of Ken Caryl Ranch at the break in the Hogback about 10 miles SW of the State Capitol Building and includes a circle with a 15 mile diameter. It has remained the same area since that time. In researching the past counts, I divided the species observed into three groups: Regular: Birds seen on all of the counts, and birds seen on 75 % but not all of the counts; Necessary: Birds observed on 50 -75 % of the counts, and birds observed on 25-50 % of the counts; and Bonus: birds observed on less than 25 % of the counts. In order to have a good count of both numbers of species and numbers of individuals, it is essential that we observe all of the regular, most of the necessary and a number of the bonus birds. The following is a list of my findings:

REGULAR: ALL OF THE COUNTS: Canada Goose, Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, American Widgeon, Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Red-tailed Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Ring-necked Pheasant, American Coot, Killdeer, Common Snipe, Ring-billed Gull, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Mountain Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Dipper, Robin, Townsend's Solitaire, Northern Shrike, Starling, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, White-winged Junco, Slate-colored Junco, Oregon Junco, Gray-headed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

REGULAR: 75 % BUT NOT ALL OF THE COUNTS: Shoveler, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Eagle, Marsh Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Herring Gull, Great Horned Owl, Horned Lark, Canon Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Cassin's Finch, Harris' Sparrow.

NECESSARY: 50-75 % OF THE COUNTS: Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Wood Duck, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Screech Owl, Common Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Evening Grosbeak, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Red Crossbill,

NECESSARY: 25-50% OF THE COUNTS: Mute Swan, Whistling Swan, Harlan's Hawk, Pigeon Hawk, Mourning Dove, Pygmy Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Blue Jay, Winter Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Rock Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Rusty Blackbird, Pine Grosbeak, Black Rosy Finch, Brown-capped Rosy Finch, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow.

BONUS: LESS THAN 25 % OF THE COUNTS: Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Horned Grebe, Western Grebe, White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Black Duck, Greater Scaup, Oldsquaw, Surf Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Ferruginous Hawk, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Blue Grouse, Glaucous Gull, Lewis' Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern-three toed Woodpecker, Vermillion Flycatcher, Gray Jay, White-necked Raven, Clark's Nutcracker, Pinon Jay, Common Bushtit, Bewick's Wren, Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Hermit Thrush, Mountain Bluebird, Bohemian Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Myrtle Warbler, Audubon's Warbler, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Common Grackle, Purple Finch, Common Redpoll, Lesser Goldfinch, White-winged Crossbill, Green-tailed Towhee, Brown Towhee, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Lapland Longspur.

152 species have been observed on all the Denver Christmas Counts. 49 have been seen on all the counts, another 16 have been seen on 75 % but not all the counts, 17 more have been observed on 50-75 % of the counts, an additional 23 have been observed on 25-50 % of the counts, while another 48 have been observed on less than 25 % of the counts.

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- January 5 Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at the west entrance of the Cherry Creek Recreation Area at 7:30 A.M. M.S. T. Parks Pass required for those who wish to drive into the park.
- 6 Sunday. Clear Creek, South Platte River and East Lake. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. David Hutchinson, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 1:00 A.M. M.S.T.
- 12 Saturday. Lakes Norht and West of Denver. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 A.M. M.S.T. *
- 13 Sunday. Red Rocks. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. M.S.T.
- 19 Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. M.S.T. *
- 20 Sunday. Barr Lake and Vicinity. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. M.S.T. *
- 26 Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. M.S.T. *
- 27 Sunday. Waterton. $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Jean White, Leader. Beginners Welcome. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center, E. Hampden and S. Logan, at 1:00 P.M.
- * BRING LUNCH

M.S.T. denotes Mountain Standard Time. If daylight savings time is reinstituted which it appears it may well be, add 1 hour to each of the above times.